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Cloudy with rain showers. Max 7C (45F). Winds ESE at 1-3mph. UV index: 1.

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# FM adds £25m to Grangemouth fund



JOHN Swinney has pledged £25million extra to support the future of the Grangemouth industrial site after Scotland's last oil refinery closes in May.

The First Minister said the cash would help a transition fund and called for the UK Government to match Holyrood.

It comes after the Record revealed owners **NEW MONEY** Swinney

Petroineos had already started to shut down the refinery on the Forth.

The site will be converted into a fuels import terminal, with just 65 of the current 500 refinery jobs retained. Redundancy letters have been sent to affected staff.

Swinney announced the new funding in a statement to MSPs and said it would come from ScotWind revenues in a budget amendment.

He said the additional £25million would take the Scottish Government's total investment for the site to £87million.

The new money, he added, will speed up any proposals from Project Willow, the plan to turn

low-carbon energy hub.

The SNP leader said: "We need the UK Government to do at least the same and deliver a fair amount to avoid significant economic disruption."

Scottish Secretary Ian Murray MP said: "We will consider the announcement in detail, and set out our own next steps in due course."

# NATS' LACK OF LEADERSHIP



### THE Scottish Government is not providing effective leadership on drug deaths, groups fighting to stop the epidemic say.

A survey of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) found most disagreed when asked if the government is providing "effective leadership" on its National Mission on Drugs Deaths.

The mission was announced in 2021 in a bid to reduce the harm caused by drugs.

In 2023, 1172 Scots died as a result of drugs - the highest rate in Europe. ADPs work to tackle

**'MORE TO DO'** Health Secretary Neil Gray

# BY CRAIG MEIGHAN

issue at a local level, bringing together charities, councils, police, health boards and other groups. In its survey of 26 of the 30 ADPs in Scotland, Public Health Scotland (PHS) found most had concerns about funding and leadership.

A majority (61.5 per cent) disagreed when asked if the Scottish Government had

provided effective leadership on its drug deaths mission, while around a third said they agreed.

One in three also indicated it was not clear what the government expected from ADPs in its national mission to cut drug deaths. The vast majority (83 per cent) agreed the overall aims and objectives of the national mission were clear, while 79 per cent thought the scope of the mission was clear.

Some 18 of the 26 groups polled said they did not receive enough funding from the Scottish Government, with just six saying the cash they receive is "about right".

Most (83 per cent) of the coordinators surveyed believed the national mission on drug deaths is likely to improve the quality of life of those impacted by drugs, but only half thought it was likely to reduce deaths from substance abuse.

More than two-thirds said the mission had already made a meaningful difference for those

A&E WARDS IN CHAOS, SAY TORI

affected by drug harms. And 92per cent called for more funding for recovery-oriented support while over two-thirds called for better treatment options for non-opioid drug use and a stronger focus on prevention.

PHS said in its report: "Across the different work packages of the PHS National Mission evaluation, a relatively consistent narrative is starting to emerge, of (perceptions of) positive impacts alongside scope to address missed opportunities."

Health Secretary Neil Gray said: "We're taking a wide range of actions through our five-year  $\,$ £250million national mission on drugs. We know there is more to do."

In January the UK's first safer drug consumption facility, The Thistle, opened in Glasgow.

# **WAS MY RAPIST FREED TO STRIKE AGAIN PAGES 6&**



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has been accused of presiding over "chaos" in A&Es after figures showed are not being treated in

more than a third of people the four-hour target time. New data showed that

THE Scottish Government

### BY CRAIG MEIGHAN

63.4 per cent of people in A&E were seen within four hours in the week up to February 9 - up from 61.6 per cent a week earlier.

The number waiting more than eight hours fell from 16.1 per cent to 13.6 per cent and those waiting more than 12 hours fell from 7.8 to 6.2 per cent.

Tory MSP Dr Sandesh Gulhane said the waits were "unacceptable" and said there was "chaos" in

A&E departments. The Health Secretary Neil Gray said: "We know some patients are waiting too long for care and this is not good enough - we are determined to drive improvements."



**TOP OF WORLD** Taylor Swift

# Taylor's era as queen of pop goes on

TAYLOR Swift has been crowned the global recording artist of the year for a fifth time after breaking records, selling out arenas and topping charts throughout 2024.

The US superstar, 35, won the award in 2014, 2019, 2022 and 2023 and has now been named by the IFPI, which represents the recorded music industry worldwide, as its recipient again for last year.

It follows her mammoth Eras Tour which helped propel her back catalogue back up the charts.

Just behind her is Canadian rapper Drake at number two and South Korean boy band Seven-

teen at number three. US star Billie Eilish takes the fourth spot while K-Pop stars Stray Kids are in at fifth place.



HUMMING Jack Whitehall

# Jack hits a hum note at **Brits return**

BY **RECORD REPORTER** 

JACK Whitehall has revealed his Zen preparations for the Brit awards.

He said: "I don't want to get too over-excited - it's all about calming myself down. I'll probably be in there, just doing a sound bath or humming and trying to do some breath work to keep myself nice and calm...

"But then I go off like a coiled spring and bounce on to the stage."

He's back hosting the biggest night in music for the fifth time, having last

hosted in 2021. He said: "You don't want to say the wrong thing and insult someone and then get taken off air...then I got to a point where I was like, It's probably best now to not outstay my welcome and give everyone respite'. And now, here I am - back.



# D TIME TO SPY

MR Bond, we've been expecting you. But film fans may have to wait three more vears to see their favourite spy back in action, insiders reveal. The last 007 movie, No Time

to Die, was released in 2021 and according to director Martin Campbell – the man behind Casino Royale and Goldeneye
– it could be 2028 before we see Daniel Craig's replacement on the big screen.

He said: "I think it'll be two ears away, three years away."

# Next Bond film could be THREE YEARS away due to Amazon row

BY MARK JEFFERIES and JAMES DESBOROUGH

franchise, was taken over by Amazon in 2022 and Campbell confirmed that executive producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G Wilson have a legal issue with their current studio heads.

Campbell made 1995's

previous Bond film due to a delay caused by a writers' strike and Pierce Brosnan's TV deal.

He said: "Is there going to be another Bond? That's the question. There's this legal thing right now. And they have this problem with Amazon. It's sort

of the same thing."
But he insisted the new Bond MGM, which owned the Goldeneye six years after the will appear on the big screen planned to "reinvent" 007.

before streaming and that there will no TV series spin-off.
Campbell said: "Barbara will

absolutely stick to her guns and say this is a theatrical experience. This is not going to go to streaming immediately. Bond is always an event picture.

Campbell also said that Taz Skylar, 29, the star of his latest action flick, Cleaner, has a chance of playing 007.

He said: "Taz is such a

charismatic guy. He was great to work with."

Broccoli said in 2022 that she

# 'We'll fix the GP quagm

PATIENTS will be able to see their GP within 48 hours if Scottish Labour wins next year's Holyrood election, the party's health chief has promised.

The party has also pledged to end the "8am rush" for on-the-day GP appointments and bring back the family doctor by renegotiating the GP contract.

Scottish Labour's Jackie Baillie said: "Under the SNP, primary care support

BY **ANDREW QUINN** 

has dropped from 11 per cent of the health budget to six per cent and at the same time we have fewer GPs and more patients.

The SNP have failed patients and they have failed GPs. The result is that too often Scots who need help from their GP surgery are left on hold, to be told there are no

**BLUEPRINT** 

appointments left." Baillie added: "Scottish Labour will renegotiate the GP contract so it delivers for patients and GPs and ensures that anyone who needs to can be seen within 48 hours.'

> The plan comes ahead of the Scottish Labour conference in Glasgow on Friday.

> > Labour

committed to starting negotiations on a revised contract with GPs within 100 days of winning power at Holyrood.

The contract could allow patients to book GP appointments in advance and access a doctor within 48 hours.

SNP Health Secretary Neil Gray said: "Labour are talking about talks, while the First Minister and I are taking decisive action now to improve our NHS.



It is economically,

socially and

BY **PAUL HUTCHEON** 

SCOTTISH Labour leader Anas Sarwar has promised he will scrap peak rail fares forever if he becomes the next first minister.

Sarwar said the so-called "workers tax" will go and signalled he would "love" to cut income tax if he replaces John Swinney.

The MSP said he would tackle the crippling 50 per cent tax rate paid by middle income Scots on part of their earnings.

Sarwar made the comments on the eve of the Scottish Labour conference in Glasgow this week.

His party romped to victory at the general election but the UK Labour Government's difficult start has seen the Scottish party's poll rating collapse.

A poll at the weekend showed Labour well behind the SNP and Swinney's party on course for a fifth term.

In an interview with the Record's Planet Holyrood podcast, which is on platforms including YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, Sarwar said of the poll: "When I took on this job four years ago, we were 34 points behind the SNP.

'When we were this far out from the last general election, we were 14 points behind the SNP.

wrong decision 'I accept that the poll at the weekend ANAS SARWAR ON PEAK demonstrated challenging position but I honestly believe that we can overcome that challenge, that we are on the pitch, that we will compete and we will win the election in May 2026."

Senior Labour figures believe their recent difficulties have been directly caused by unpopular decisions taken by the Labour Government such as cutting winter fuel payments.

Sarwar said: "We can downplay the scale of the damage done by the last Tory government and what this incoming UK Labour Government has had to grapple with and try to overcome.

"Over time, you've had governments come in when public services were broken or the public finances were shot to bits, or when the economy was flat lining. This Government has come in with all three at the exact same time."

He added: "The decision that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor had to make

is, do you stabilise the public finances? "They chose to do so. Do you end the

of austerity? They have done so decisively.

Sarwar intends to use his conference to showcase the positive alternative a Labour Scottish Government would

His priorities will be putting more money into people's pockets and reforming the NHS.

The SNP government incensed passengers when it reinstated peak rail fares after initially scrapping them on a short-term basis.

Sarwar said of the reintroduction of a two-tier rail fare system widely believed to be a rip-off: "It is economically

the wrong decision, socially the wrong decision, and environmentally the wrong decision.

That's why a Scottish Labour government will remove the peak rail environmentally the fares to make sure we are reducing the cost-of-living crisis and making sustainable transport a thing for the

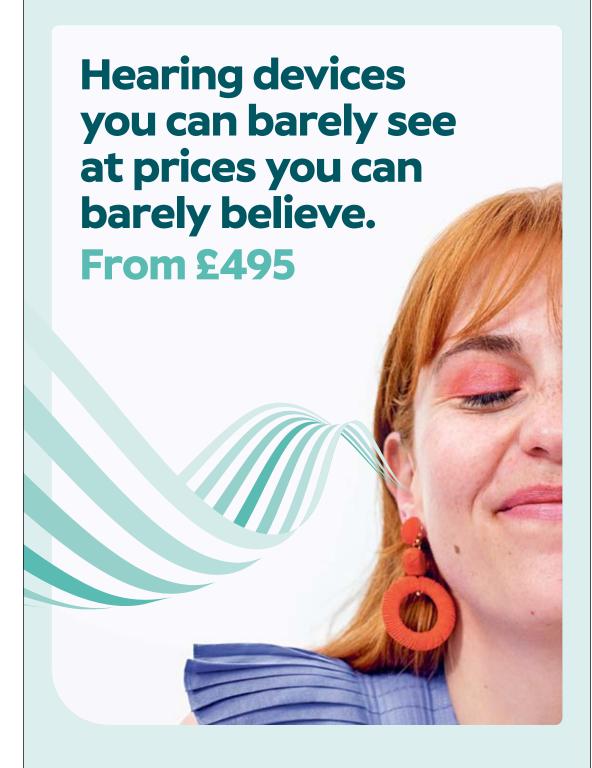
future? The SNP government says scrapping peak fares did not result in a shift to rail but Sarwar said he would axe

them for good. He said: "They didn't market it properly. I have spoken to countless individuals who have gone back to using motor vehicles instead of the trains in order to get to work, or indeed choosing to work from home instead of going into the office.

"I'm not saying that working from home is the wrong thing to do but if we are going to reinvigorate our high streets and ramp up productivity in our country, then that also means increasing the footfall in town centres and city centres.

"So we are going to do the right thing for businesses, the right thing for the economy, and we're going to do the right thing for the environment, and that is to remove peak real fares and help alleviate the cost-of-living crisis.

The SNP government has chosen to



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# WANTS VALUE FOR PUBLIC MONEY



for government waste or government incompetence." He added: "I would love to cut income tax, particularly for those

on the lowest incomes."

talent into Scotland".

be corrected but we will have to consultants. I want more treatments Sarwar also specifically mentioned do that in a way that is sound with to be happening in the NHS."

managers. I want He continued: "That will have to more nurses, more doctors, more

# EXCLUSIVE SEX ATTACK VICTIM BLAST



A WOMAN dragged off the street at knifepoint and raped by one of Scotland's most dangerous sex offenders has slammed the "soft touch" justice system that allows him to repeatedly reoffend.

Vicky Maclean was 19 when she was attacked by John McDougall as she made her way home from work in Irvine, Ayrshire, in 2000.

She has never spoken of her ordeal until now, saying she has been forced to watch her rapist "make a mockery' of the justice system for more than two

McDougall was released five years after the sex attack on Vicky and has gone on to carry out a series of further offences and breaches of a court order not to approach women.

Vicky, 44, waived her right to anonymity to call for tougher sentences for repeat offenders like McDougall as he was jailed again for being caught in a vulnerable woman's home.

She told the Record: "This is one of Scotland's most dangerous men, yet he is still being allowed to pose a threat to women. The punishments he's being given are not having an impact.

"This happened to me over 20 years ago but it feels like we're still in the exact same place.

"The courts show him time and time again there is no real consequence for his actions.

"It's time for justice for victims to fit the crime."

Vicky was walking home from her bar job after being dropped off nearby from a taxi when she was grabbed by McDougall on a well-lit route.

She said: "I was meant to finish in time to get the last train home but had to get a taxi and only had enough to the cross in Irvine.

"I felt something sharp press against my back and a man's voice said, 'If you turn around, I'll kill you.'

"Initially I thought it must be a joke, but that notion quickly vanished when I was dragged to the back of a garage."

Vicky was subjected to a prolonged sexual attack with McDougall warning he would find her and kill her if she

told anyone. She said: "I was convinced I would

die. It's still very vivid.
"After he left, I have no idea how long I stayed there, frozen and curled up. Eventually, I got dressed and ran from door to door, desperately banging, convinced he would return to kill me

as I saw him further down the street." A B&B owner let Vicky inside and called the police. She had a full forensic examination straight away

She said: "The next thing I remember is walking into the house in a white forensic suit and my sister asking what had happened. I told her, then went straight for a bath. I scrubbed myself until my skin was raw. My sister called our parents to inform them and I still remember hearing their screams.

The police caught McDougall less than two days later.

but her life had instantly changed. She said: "Everything came crashing down from that point. For a year, I couldn't go out and attempted to take my own life three times. It changed the course

Brave Vicky waives right to anonymity to admit she relives horror ordeal every time her attacker reoffends

"I didn't want to be a chef any more, vorking at night."

McDougall, who had 26 previous convictions at that point, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty.

Two days after his release for raping Vicky in 2005, McDougall tried to drag Vicky had been training to be a chef a vulnerable 16-year-old girl into

bushes. He was jailed for one year for that offence. He went on to rack up a history of reoffending within short periods of being released from prison and in 2016 police applied for a restriction of liberty order to better monitor him.

McDougall was considered so highrisk to women that he was given a 10-year home curfew.

In an application brought to court by the chief constable, multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) were set at level 3, making McDougall "an imminent risk of sexual harm". The application said he was

assessed as "representing a threat of serious harm to children and female

The rapist was also banned from any contact with females under 18 and from approaching any adult female not accompanied by another adult.

McDougall, who is on the sex offenders register indefinitely, has to tell police within 24 hours of getting any internet-enabled device and have it ready for inspection.

He is not allowed to delete his internet, text or phone history and must tell police about any relationship

# SOFT TOUCH' APPROACH TO JUSTICE



McDougall, who has 26 previous convictions, rapes Vicky at knifepoint

## 2005

Two days after his release, McDougall tries to drag a vulnerable 16-year-old girl into bushes. He's jailed for a year.

# 2012

McDougall contacts 55 women using a bogus Facebook account in prison and sets up a meeting with a woman while on parole.

# 2015

He is caught with an internet-enabled mobile phone and creates a Facebook page "looking for females".

### 2016

After repeated stints in and out of prison, police apply for a restriction of liberty order to better monitor him, saying he is "an imminent risk of sexual harm' McDougall is given a 10-year home curfew and banned from contact with females.

### 2017

McDougall is caged for three years for failing to tell cops he had a secret lover.

### 2024

McDougall is sentenced to 22 months for using a mobile phone to contact a woman without notifying police of the relationship.

# 2025

The rapist is handed another 22-month sentence on Tuesday for contact with a vulnerable

spokesman for the Judicial Office for Scotland said: "When deciding house judges will always"

COPS: THIS MONSTER MUST ONLY LEAVE HIS HOUSE IF IT'S ON FIRE

made "in person or on social media" within 48 hours.

In 2012, it emerged McDougall had contacted 55 women using a bogus Facebook account in prison and had set up a meeting with a woman while on parole. McDougall was back behind bars last year after being sentenced to 22 months for using a mobile phone to contact a woman without notifying police of the relationship. And this week, he was jailed for less than two years for three more breaches of the order.

He admitted entering the home of

several occasions after being placed in accommodation in Kilwinning in July last year.

Šheriff Principal Sean Murphy told McDougall he could have sentenced him to five years in prison on each breach, but he was entitled to reductions because of time served on remand and his early plea.

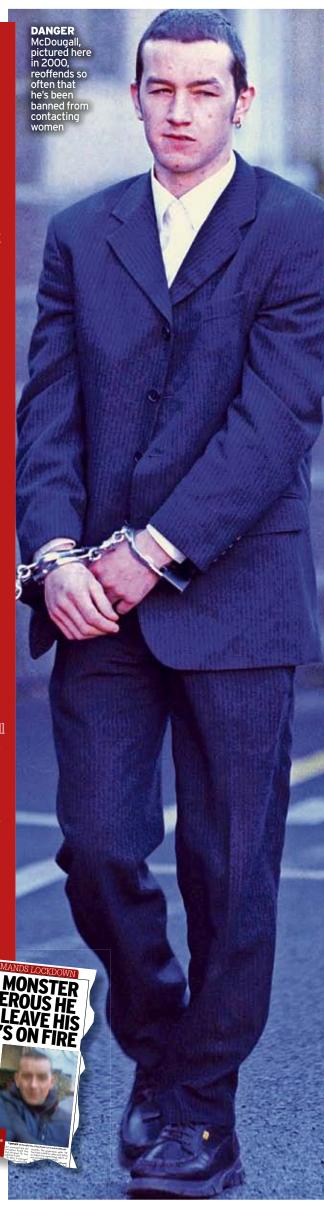
In the last year Vicky has written to several politicians, including former first minister and justice secretary Humza Yousaf, about her case.

a "vulnerable" female neighbour on change and needs to change now." A they pose to the public."

carefully consider the facts established in court and take hedonscotla into account the unique factors of each case."

A Scottish Government spokesman said: "The Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements provide a robust statutory framework to assess and manage those convicted She said: "Something needs to of serious offences to reduce the risk

Our story on McDougall





# Sarwar's Labour on the right track

ANAS Sarwar's commitment to scrap peak rail fares if he becomes the next First Minister is a welcome move.

Peak rail fares are a tax on workers and punish people for travelling to their jobs. All that does is make people use their cars instead of taking the train.

This results in clogged up roads and does no good for the environment.

It even discourages people from travelling to the office, making more folk work from home.

The Record was happy when the SNP Government announced its pilot about scrapping peak rail fares. It allowed current train users to keep more of their cash and encouraged those who would usually drive to take public transport.

There were so many positives about the pilot, which made it even more shocking when the SNP said they would not make it permanent.

Bringing back inflated peak fares was the wrong decision. It incensed passengers, was bad for the economy and bad for the environment.

Having more expensive rates for busy times means people are shelling out more money during the cost-of-living crisis.

And it caused others – many of whom started travelling by train during the pilot - to go back to their cars.

If we want to breathe new life into our high streets, we need to be encouraging people to come into the office rather than giving them reasons not to.

If we want our country to become more

environmentally friendly, we need people to start using public transport more.

The SNP should have scrapped peak rail fares for good and Sarwar's move

will be a vote winner.
WE'LL SCRAP PEAK FARES - PAGES 4&5

# **Drugs dilemma**

SCOTLAND has been blighted for too long by the scale of addiction and substance abuse which harms not just addicts but families, friends and wider society.

We have the highest rate of drug deaths in Europe and that should concern us all.

Successive first ministers have promised to turn around our shocking record on addiction - which was a hidden problem until the Daily Record began a campaign to tackle the scourge.

But a report shows that groups tasked with tackling those drug deaths believe

the Scottish government is falling short.
A survey of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) has found most did not think the Government is providing "effective leadership" on its National Mission on Drugs Deaths.

Health Secretary Neil Gray points to a five-year £250million national mission on drugs. But groups tackling the issue of drug-use say more treatment needs to be available for those who need it.

Those at the sharp end of this problem need to be listened to if progress is to be made - and those in power need to listen harder.

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# FIRST EARLY RELEASE CONS GET OU



We need a

sustained

reduction

in prison

population

ANGELA CONSTANCE

in the country's prisons. Emergency legislation passed

by MSPs in November will change the release point for those serving prison sentences of less than four years from 50 per cent of their sentence

> to 40 per cent. The Scottish Government said it expects the change to bring about a five per cent reduction in the prison population.

> Prisoners will be released in three tranches, with the first starting yesterday and ending tomorrow.

The second tranche will take place from March 4-6, and the third from March 18-20.

Those convicted of domestic abuse or sexual offences will not be released early.

Prisoners were pictured leaving jail HMP Edinburgh yesterday.

One told reporters he was "gonna go sort my life out".

Justice Secretary Angela Con-stance said the release of prisoners was needed to battle the high prison population. She

She told the BBC's Good Morning Scotland programme: The important point, and the raison d'etre of this legislation, is we need to achieve a sustained reduction in the prison population that is necessary to ensure that our prisons can continue to accommodate those who pose the greatest risk of harm, and also to support rehabilitation in order to reduce re-offending. There is an inextricable link between the work that goes on in prisons and the safety of our community."

The change comes amid warnings from prison bosses of "critical challenges" as a result of the rising inmate numbers.

First Minister John Swinney said last year that prisons were "absolutely bursting at the seams" with more than 8300 people behind bars - above the target operating capacity of 8007.

Some 477 prisoners were already released early as part of an emergency move to ease overcrowding in the summer. Dozens went on to re-offend and were later put back behind bars.

# 1931-2025: 'A COLOURFUL LIFE WELL LIVED'



**JOURNEY** The Foremans

# Spy charges for British couple in Iran

BY **RECORD REPORTER** 

A BRITISH husband and wife held in Iran have been charged with espionage, authorities there have said.

Craig and Lindsay Foreman were on a motorcycle journey around the world when they were detained in January.

The Iran judiciary said they had "collected information" in several provinces of the country under the guise of being tourists."

The couple were heading for Australia, having crossed into Iran from Armenia on December 30.

The UK Foreign Office, which advises against all travel to Iran, said: "We are deeply concerned by reports that two British nationals have been charged with espionage.

"We continue to raise this case directly with the Iranian authorities."



SEARCH Ian Ritchie

# Missing OAP: Body found in harbour

BY **BILLY GADDI** 

A BODY has been found in the search for a missing pensioner.

Officers recovered the body from Lossiemouth Harbour earlier today while looking for 86-year-old Ian Ritchie.

Ian's family have been informed, while formal identification has yet to take place.

He was first reported missing overnight after being last seen at around 5pm in the Dunbar Street area of the town.

Police Scotland said: "Around 2pm on Tuesday, 18 February, 2025, we were made aware of a body in the water at Lossiemouth Harbour."

"There are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances, and a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal."





Warm farewells to Auld Eric from cast of cult comedy

STILL Game actor Jimmy Martin, who played Auld Eric on the hit TV show Still Game, has died aged 93.

Bafta award-winning Still Game producer Michael Hines broke the news on social media.

broke the news on social media.

He said: "Just to let all the #StillGame fans out there that Jimmy Martin 'Eric' passed away today. He was a wonderful actor and I was honoured to call him a pal."

Jimmy was born in Partick, Glasgow, and spent many years living in Musselburgh, East Lothian.

Before working on Still Game, he was a helper working at Campie Primary School's after-school club in the town.

At 17, the grandad of two signed up to serve his country in the Royal Navy. He then spent 16 years in the fire service before becoming an actor.

He appeared in 47 episodes of Still Game and was one of the few members of the cast who was actually a pensioner when the show began.

the show began.

Jane McCarry, who played
Isa in the cult BBC Scotland
comedy, commemorated her
co-star on Instagram.

She said: "Farewell Jimmy. A colourful life well lived. I loved hearing your stories. You'll be missed auld pal."

Greg Hemphill, who played Victor in the show, also paid his respects.

He said: "Very sad to hear that the wonderful Jimmy Martin has passed away. He BY JOHN DINGWALL

really was an amazing fella and a joy to be around.

"Full of great stories about cutting about Byres Road in the 60s, about his time in the Navy, and of course, the only genuine auld yin amongst us. We will miss you, Jimmy. X"

The actor's passing comes just months after he received the British Empire Medal, which is awarded for "meritorious civil or military service worthy of recognition by the crown".

His daughter Jennifer joked at the time: "We are wondering if they maybe have a translator at Buckingham Palace because I can't image Camilla and Charles are very fluent in Craiglang.

"But Dad is totally delighted and so are we. It's absolutely great for him to be recognised like this."

Jimmy enjoyed an acting career spanning 40 years, appearing in the likes of Taggart, Take the High Road and Rab C Nesbitt.

His management company, Red Shoe Entertainment, wrote: "His warmth, humour, and unforgettable performances brought joy to so many and his legacy will live on through the laughter he shared with the world.

"Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who loved him. Rest in peace, Jimmy."



# Forbes plays up economy despite jobless rates rise

UNEMPLOYMENT in BY RECORD REPORTER Scotland has risen slightly in the past quarter.

Office for National Statistics data showed the unemployment rate for 16 and overs was 3.8 per cent from October-December.

This was 0.5 per cent up on the previous quarter but remains below the UK-wide rate of 4.4 per cent.

and overs out of work

between October and December.

The employment rate between October and December for 16-64s was 74.2 per cent – 2,625,000 people – up 0.9 per cent on the past quarter but below the UK rate of 74.9 per cent.

The rate of people classed as economically There were 104,000 16 inactive in Scotland was 22.8 per cent in the past quarter, down 1.2 per cent on the previous quarter.

HMRC early estimates indicate 2.46million payrolled employees in Scotland in January, up 5000 on the past month but down 2000 on a year earlier.

Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes said: "These figures indicate Scotland's labour market proving resilient despite a challenging economic environment.



**DEFIANT** Deputy FM Forbes





**MEETING** European leaders, including PM Keir Starmer, in Paris on Monday BY MIKEY SMITH & DAVE BURKE

# UKRAINE president Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday accused the US and Russia of trying to decide his country's future "behind our back".

As senior White House and Kremlin officials met without him in Saudi Arabia, Zelensky insisted that for any meaningful negotiations to take place, he should be sat at the table with other European leaders.

Meanwhile Defence Secretary John Healey declared Britain must "rearm" to see off a "new era of threat".

He said that whatever peacekeeping force Europe organised to protect Ukraine from Vladimir Putin, a durable peace would only be possible with a "backstop" of American forces in place.

Zelensky said he would not accept any deal that involved giving up territory captured in Russia's bloody invasion.

Senior Russian and US diplomats met in Riyadh to commence talks without Ukrainian representatives present.

While no agreement was reached on a date for US president Donald Trump and Russian counterpart Putin to meet face to face, the Kremlin indicated for the first time that the Russian dictator would be willing to meet Zelensky, if

Hours before the meeting in Riyadh, Russia attacked Ukraine with dozens of drones, killing two people and injuring 26 in strikes across the country.

And shortly after yesterday's

discussions concluded, air raid sirens rang out in Kyiv warning of an incoming threat from Russian ballistic missiles.

After attending an emergency summit with European leaders on Monday, Prime Minister Keir Starmer called for a US "backstop" to any peace settlement.

He insisted that it was the only way to deter Russia from attacking the country again.

Healey added yesterday: "In the end it is only the US that can provide the deterrent to Putin that will prevent him attacking again."

Unveiling a broad reorganisation of the British armed forces, Healey said: The decisions we make right now... will define the outcome of the conflict in Ukraine, but the security of our world for a generation to come.

This government's commitment to defence is unshakable.

"We will match sustained investment with serious reform. It will mean growing the economy. It will mean a more muscular defence for a more dangerous world." Speaking after the



**CONCERN** Zelensky, visiting Turkey yesterday, called for fairer peace talks

Turkey, the UK, **EU** and **US** should be included in the talks and security guarantees

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

Riyadh talks, US

secretary of state Marco Rubio said the US and Russia had agreed to restore staffing at each other's embassies, and create a team to negotiate for peace in Ukraine.

He said: "We're going to need to have vibrant diplomatic missions that are able to function normally in order to be able to continue these conduits.

Both embassies have had large numbers of diplomats expelled in recent years as the US and European countries imposed sanctions on Russia.

Rubio was joined for the talks in Saudi



# PEACE EXCLUDES KYIV LEADER

# OUTFLANKED

Zelensky: US and Russia deciding Ukraine's future behind our backs

YESTERDAY
Ukraine soldier
trains in Donetsk



Arabia by his national security adviser Mike Waltz and special envoy Steve Witkoff.

Russia's foreign minister Sergei Lavrov sat next to the Kremlin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov

Saudi foreign minister Faisal bin Farhan and national security adviser Musaed al Alban joined the Americans and Russians at the start of the talks, but left shortly after they commenced.

Lavrov said the meeting was "very useful", adding: "We not only listened, but also heard each other"

He went on: "And I have reason to believe that the American side has started to better understand our position, which we have once again outlined in detail, using specific examples, based on president Putin's repeated speeches."

But concerns continue to grow over

Ukraine and Europe being sidelined in discussions about the future of the region

Speaking in Ankara, where he met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Zelensky reiterated his refusal to accept the outcome of any negotiation that did not involve his country or European leaders.

involve his country or European leaders.

Zelensky said: "Turkey, the UK and the European Union, along with the US, should be included in the talks, as well as in the security guarantees.

"The negotiations must be fair, and this can only work if all relevant countries participate in the process. No one should be left behind."

Lavrov has dismissed the prospect of European countries having a say, telling reporters as he arrived in Saudi Arabia: "I don't know what they have to do at the negotiations table." But Irish taoiseach

Micheal Martin said that European countries were "worried" about the "direction of travel".

"direction of travel".

Speaking ahead of a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Martin said: "In my view, Europe will have to be at the talks, because a peace agreement will not work without European participation to some degree and at some stage, because, of course, this goes to the heart of European security and Ukraine security."

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France is reportedly planning a second emergency meeting to discuss Ukraine and European security today.

It is set to include a number of European countries who were not present at Monday's meeting, as well as Canada.

Starmer will travel to Washington, DC next week to discuss the Ukraine crisis with president Trump.



# 'Dealmaker' Don is just very ignorant

# **ANALYSIS**



Ukraine

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BY GOING straight to Russia's Vladimir Putin for peace talks, US president Donald Trump has sent Ukraine and the rest of Europe scrambling to answer the question of what to do next.

Backing the Russian gangster leader above America's European allies is a crass gesture of admiration towards despotism and shows a disgusting contempt for democracy.

Never mind that the US now says it has agreed to talks with Russia and that Ukraine will be involved - the damage has been done.

Ukraine has been humiliated, and Europe too. MAGA stalwarts look like slobbering sycophants as they try to come up with an explanation. It will all come good and Putin will be beaten, goes the narrative, while peace will break out and he will save

more lives this way.

In fact, it seems there is no clever plan or subterfuge. Selfproclaimed brilliant dealmaker Trump is proving to be a hugely ignorant negotiator.

Trump's selfish greed for an early and uncomplicated solution may well cause the opposite - and spark a major conflict.

He has reversed years of Western policy towards Russia, which made it a pariah state, and allowed it back into the fold.

Sacrificing a swathe of Ukraine to Putin and bypassing Europe will not end the war there and, it seems, everyone knows it apart from

Trump. Either that or he simply does not care.

Or he really is an actual Russian asset.

On a practical level, the US schism with Nato has been building up for years, with Europe largely ignoring successive presidential demands for a greater contribution. These demands were, in the opinion of many experts, justified.

But in behaving in such a short-termist, and thuggish manner, Trump has smashed international convention. This buffoon and his far-right minions are taking a sledgehammer to a complex geopolitical world order whose flashpoints have until now been finely balanced by diplomacy.

# **Swinney sparks lynx effect** outcry from green groups

JOHN Swinney has been BY DAN VEVERS urged to approve the return of big cats, such as lynx, to Scotland.

The First Minister was warned he was "out of step with public opinion" after a new Survation poll found six in 10 Scots support the return of the big cats.

Environmentalists say bringing back lynx could save our woods and forests by introducing a natural

predator for overgrazing wild deer.

But Swinney last week dismissed the idea.

It comes after four lynx were illegally released into the Cairngorms in January, sparking fears of a rogue rewilding campaign.

Addressing the controversy last week at the National Farmers Union Scotland Conference,

ment will not be reintroducing lynx, or indeed any other large carnivorous species, in Scotland."

Now, 20 green groups have written to the FM questioning his commitment to nature recovery by "dismissing the return of lynx out of hand".

Research suggests the Highlands has the habitat to support around 250 lynx.



POPULAR Public's lynx call



# PLANE CR.

BY **ANDY LINES** 

TERRIFIED passengers have described the moment their plane crash landed and rolled over on the runway, leaving them dangling upside down in their seats.

All 80 people on the Delta Airlines flight survived, though 18 were injured and three, including a child, are critical.

Investigators are beginning to piece together what went wrong to cause the Mitsubishi CRJ-900 to flip over.

Shocking footage shows the moment Endeavor Flight 4189 scrapes down the runway at Toronto Pearson International Airport with orange flames and thick black smoke billowing from its underside. It is then seen flipping over, destroying its left wing before coming to a halt, shrouded in clouds of smoke.

The plane had travelled from Minneapolis, US, to Toronto, Canada, with 76 passengers and four crew on Monday.

Stunned passenger Pete Carlson said: "One minute you're landing, kind of waiting to see your friends and your people, and the next minute you're upside down."

John Nelson added: "We hit the ground, and we were sideways, and then we were upside down. I was able to just unbuckle and push myself to the ground.

"And then some people were kind of hanging and needed some help being helped down, and others were able to get down on their own.

"We tried to get out of there as quickly

Strong winds had been buffeting





FLAMES Footage captures plane's impact

Toronto all day and airport staff had worked through the night to clear remnants of eight inches of snow that blanketed the airport over the weekend.

As the plane neared the airport, air traffic controllers notified its pilots of 38mph wind gusts.

In a recording, one can be heard warning them: "Might be a slight bump in the glide path. There will be an aircraft in front of you.

A medical helicopter flying on a mission near by was sent to assist with the rescue efforts.

As the helicopter pilots approached, air traffic control workers alerted them that dazed passengers were out and walking around the aircraft.

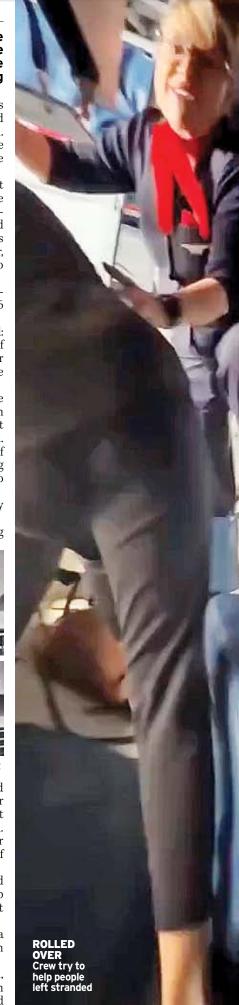
The pilot responded: "We've got it. The aircraft is upside down and burning."

Dan Ronan, a pilot licensed by the US Federal Aviation Administration, said the pilots appear to have attempted what is known as a "crab manoeuvre".

He said: "This involves turning a plane into the wind, and then directly on to the runway at the last moment.

Dan said it was incredible everyone climbed out alive, adding: "The sheer survivability of this is really amazing,"

Delta chief executive Ed Bastian said:



The hearts of the entire global Delta family are with those affected."

Michael McCormick, a professor of air traffic management, said the fact everyone survived was: "A testament to the engineering and the technology and the regulatory background."

He added that not long ago, such an incident would probably have been fatal.

Aircraft flipping over, while rare, is not unheard of. Two pilots died in 2009 when a FedEx plane crashed during landing in Tokyo, and 10 years earlier a

# ORS TELL OF THEIR TERROR



ON RUNWAY All 80 on board survived the accident

involving a FedEx cargo flight happened in Newark in 1997, but no one died.

Monday's crash halted traffic at Canada's busiest airport. Two runways will remain closed as investigations take

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is leading the tration investigators are on their way to Toronto, and he has been in touch with the team in Canada.

The crash is the fourth major aviation accident in North America in the past month. Three weeks ago, an American Airlines plane was in collision in mid-air with a US Army Black Hawk helicopter in Washington ĎC, killing all 67 people aboard the two aircraft.



SCANDALOUS Alison Watson

# City homeless kids exceed all of Wales

BY CHRIS McCALL

THERE are more children stuck living in temporary accommodation in Scotland's capital than in all of Wales, a leading housing charity has warned.

Shelter pointed to figures from Edinburgh City Council showing more than 3500 children in temporary accommodation at the end of last year.

That is in contrast to the most recent figures from Wales in November, with 2823 children housed that way.

Shelter warned the housing emergency north of the Border was beginning to "spiral out of control".

Shelter Scotland director Alison Watson said: "The fact that significantly more children in our capital city are waking up homeless than in the entirety of Wales is scandalous."



TRIBUNAL Sandie Peggie

# Fury as Nats block single sex speech

BY KATRINE BUSSEY

THE SNP has been accused of "cowardice" as the Scottish Government refused calls to make a statement on the provision of single-sex spaces for women.

sex spaces for women.
Following a high-profile tribunal brought by nurse Sandie Peggie, who had to share a changing room with a transgender doctor, Scottish Tories had wanted a government minister to make a statement to MSPs

But a vote was defeated 47 to 64. Tory MSP Murdo Fraser said: "There is no risk of prejudice from a minister speaking on the broader issue of access to single-sex rights, other than cowardice."

Parliamentary business minister Jamie Hepburn said the government was "not afraid of being held to account" but the schedule was "already busy".



# Baby Sophia's nurse: I wouldn't have done anything differently



PAIN Mum Theresa Smith and baby Sophia

A SENIOR charge nurse who cared for a baby who died at a hospital told a probe she wouldn't have done anything different.

Lorna McSeveney made the claim at the Fatal Accident Inquiry of Sophia Smith, who lost her life at 11 days old at Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Children on April 11, 2017.

Sophia, who had Down's Syndrome, had been transferred from the Royal Alexandra Hospital Paisley with breathing difficulties. It was then discovered she had a heart problem.

Despite initial improvement,

# Witness defends hospital over newborn's death

BY **RECORD REPORTER** 

Sophia suffered bleeding and a collapsed lung.

After she died, tests found

After she died, tests found the baby had a serious bacterial infection.

McSeveney – who has since retired – told the hearing she cared for Sophia on the day before and the day of her death.

She told advocate depute Chris Fyffe she wouldn't have

done anything differently.

McSeveney stated if she was

aware there was an infection, she would have alerted a doctor to prescribe antibiotics.

He asked if there was anything additional which could have been done and she said: "Not from my point of view."

The former nurse was earlier asked if there was anything of concern and said: "Not that I remember – she was stable. She was a sick baby but stable."

The probe earlier heard from Sophia's mum Theresa Smith,

who stated that she reported a change in her daughter's colour which she reported.

Fyffe asked McSeveney if she noticed a change and she replied: "No, I would have remembered it."

The witness also stated there were handwashing protocols.

She said staff members had a "professional responsibility" to wash their hands.

The inquiry continues before Sheriff Joanna McDonald.







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# **Greens slam** loch theme park appeal

FLAMINGO Land has been accused of using "distortion" in its appeal to the Scottish Government over its rejected bid for a Loch Lomond tourist resort.

The theme park operator's £40million proposal for a 46-acre resort in Balloch was unanimously thrown out last year.

Green MSP Ross Greer's lawyer, Ian Cowan, has said developers claim national park chiefs could have asked for the scale of the development to be reduced instead of rejecting it outright. However, planning rules say it is up to the applicant to propose a smaller site.

Greer said: "They're trying to shift the goalposts, bend the truth and misrepresent their own proposals.

Developer Lomond Banks was asked for comment.



AGREEMENT Shona Robison

# **Council tax** reform delay 'depressing'

BY **NEIL POORAN** 

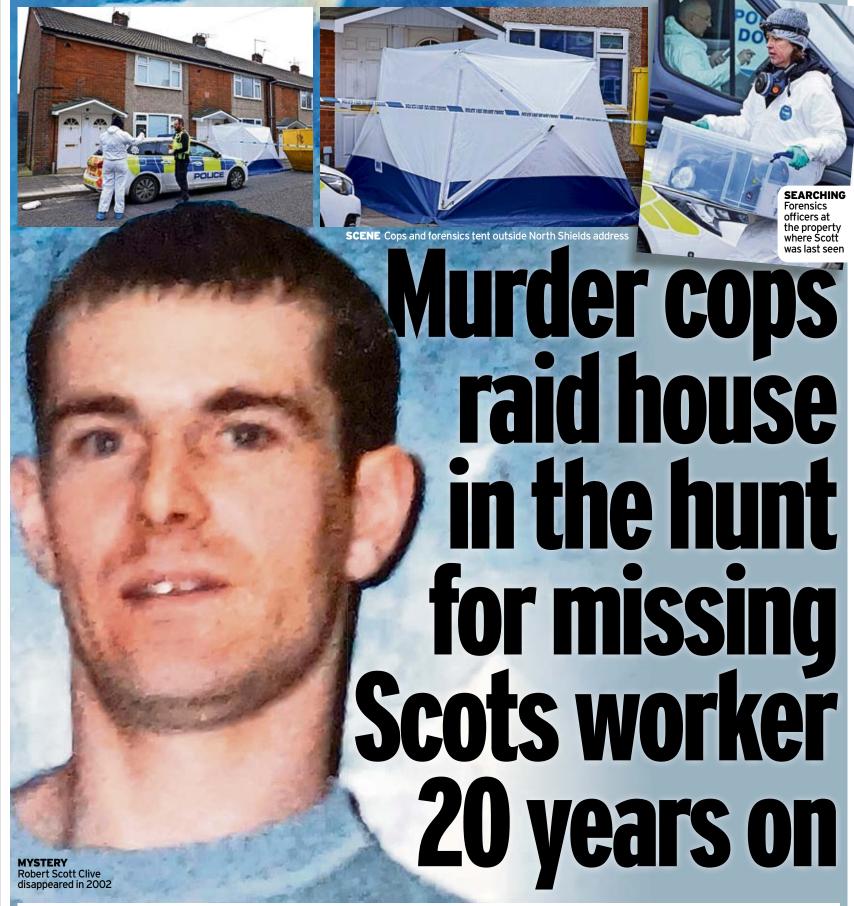
SCOTLAND being unable to move ahead with council tax reforms is "depressing", MSPs have heard.

Professior David Heald, of the Adam Smith Business School at Glasgow University told Holyrood's Local Government committee: "I find it extremely depressing that it almost seems as if Scotland cannot move if England will not move."

It comes as Wales bids to carry out a property revaluation in 2028.

Council tax critics say it is based on 1991 property values and is becoming less of a genuine property tax.

Finance Secretary Shona Robison said: "It doesn't need to be 100 per cent that we all agree on this and run off holding hands into the sunset on council tax



### HOUSE was being searched yesterday by murder cops probing the disappearance of a Scots labourer more than 20 years ago.

Robert Scott Clive, known as Scott, was last seen on October 20, 2002, after a night out in North Shields, North Tyneside.

He had moved there from Stranraer just a few months earlier and has not been seen since.

A murder investigation was launched, despite no body being found.

Now, Northumbria Police officers are conducting searches at a property in

# Devastated family have been 'in limbo' since Robert vanished after night out

BY **JEREMY ARMSTRONG** 

Coronation Street in North

The current occupant, who moved in after 2002, has been found alternative accommodation, the force said.

Scott, who lived in nearby Prudhoe Terrace and worked

as a labourer, was 30 at the time of his disappearance.

Officers say they

have reviewed

hundreds of hours of CCTV ings in the early hours of footage in a bid to piece together his movements.

Last June, a 49-year-old man was arrested in connection with the investigation.

He has since been released on bail pending further inquiries. Unconfirmed sight- into the river.

Tricia Clive, said the family were "still in limbo" as they did not believe he had fallen

near the River Tyne.

October 11, 2002, placed a man

matching Scott's description

Speaking last year, his mum,

Det Insp Mark Atherton, who is leading the case, said he was determined to provide the family "with the

answers they deserve".

"We are refocusing our efforts on an address we know he visited on the night he went missing," he said.
"We are grateful to the

current occupant of that premises for their cooperation and that of the wider community as we conduct our

We are also asking anyone who lived in Coronation Street at the time to get in touch as they may have relevant information without even realising."

For anyone with information on the case, go to https://mipp. police.uk/operation/ 10NP020310B52-PO1.

We are refocusing efforts on address he visited

**DET INSP MARK ATHERTON** ON SEARCH FOR SCOTT

QUESTIONS

Collapse of McClure left clients with

financial problems

# list released

TWELVE novelists have been put on a long list to win the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction.

Among those in with a chance of winning the £25,000 award are Kevin Barry, Xan Brooks, Sarah Marsh and Carys Davies.

The prize is managed by the Abbotsford Trust, named after the Roxburghshire home of Scott, the author of Rob Roy.

Katie Grant, chair of the judges, said: "We look forward to testing these novels against the criteria."

# 10-year vape harm study

THE long-term effects of vaping are to be probed in a 10-year series of studies.

Government-funded research, using data from 100,000 people aged eight to 18, follows reports of problems such as lung damage in heavy vapers.

The NHS says e-cigs are a quitting tool but people who have never smoked use them too.

Public health minister Ashley Dalton said: "It's crucial we have clear evidence on the long-term health harms."

# Fiction prize MIS-SOLD TRUST CLAIM BATTLE



VICTIMS of a Scots legal firm that collapsed are taking their fight for

justice to Parliament.

A petition has been launched calling for a public inquiry into the alleged mis-selling of family trusts following the collapse of McClure solicitors.

The firm went bust in 2021 with tens of thousands of customers across Scotland and England affected.

All of its casework, including wills and property trusts, was passed to Jones Whyte of Glasgow.

Campaign group Victims of McClure Solicitors accBY CHRIS McCALL

failing to take seriously complaints about the firm's handling of 18,000 family protection trusts.

Michelle Newton has lodged an online petition with the UK Government 900 signatures.

Campaigners handed police a dossier of informa-tion regarding McClure last it and decide if further remains a good service". action is required.

Calls for a public inquiry Stuart McMillan, whose used the authorities of Greenock constituency he added.

included the McClure head office. He said claims were made including powers of attorney paid for but not lodged with the Office of the Public Guardian.

He also claimed trusts were in the wrong name or that has attracted almost other details were wrong and some suggested "trusts may have been set up for relatives that lack capacity".

Former McClure director Andrew Robertson has told February. The force launched Operation Ark to review the BBC the trust "was and

It was "not correct that many trusts had issues" and are supported by SNP MSP clients "should not fear that money has been wasted",



# Bin-boozled by recycling

FOUR in 10 adults are still baffled when it comes to recycling – with 47 per cent struggling to tell what is recyclable.

Å poll of 2000 adults found some of the recyclable items that end up in the general waste include glass jars, tin cans and plastic takeaway containers.

The research comes ahead of new legislation, where businesses with 10 or more employees will have to separate waste items or risk a fine.

# Smart PJs can spot trouble

SCIENTISTS are developing smart pyjamas to monitor disorders such as sleep apnoea at home.

Cambridge University researchers said the garment has an "ultrasensitive sensor array directly printed on the collar, capable of identifying multiple sleep patterns", detecting subtle vibrations.

Prof Luigi Occhipinti said: "Poor sleep has huge effects on our physical and mental health, which is why proper sleep monitoring is vital."

# COISTY CLEARED IN BIGOT CHANT PROBE

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# Praise for Rangers fans sparked TV viewer fury

BY **STUART MacDONALD** 

COMPLAINTS that Ally McCoist praised Rangers supporters while they were singing sectarian chants have been quashed by TV watchdog Ofcom.

During coverage of the Ibrox side's Europa League match against Manchester United at Old Trafford last month, McCoist, who was commentating for TNT Sports, described the Rangers fans as "amazing" live on air.

However, 14 people complained that sections of the Rangers support could be heard singing chants about the Pope and the IRA as he spoke.

the IRA as he spoke. SNP MSP James



**COMMENT** Ally McCoist

Dornan, watching it on TV, wrote on X: "Just heard everyone's favourite football pundit, Super Ally, praising the Rangers fans just as they sing F the Pope. Only in Scotland is this acceptable."

But Ofcom found McCoist, 62, was commenting on the "general atmosphere" and the exact wording of the chants was not "clearly discernible" to viewers.

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# Public backs health chats

QUICK chats in workplaces, schools and gyms aimed at improving health would be backed by most.

A Royal Society for Public Health study found 64 per cent agree bosses should be trained in Making Every Contact Count techniques. MECC-trained people prompt others to change lifestyle areas like exercise, food and alcohol.

It was 69 per cent in schools and 66 per cent for gyms. RSPH chief executive William Roberts said: "We need to get talking."





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BY **DANIEL BIRD** 

"lots of laughs".

# ZOE Ball is making a return to BBC Radio 2 with a weekend show.

The broadcaster left the station's breakfast show last year, with her close friend Scott Mills taking over as host.

But she will soon be back with a weekly music offering.

Zoe's Saturday show will run from 1pm to 3pm, playing some of her favourite hits and having

I'm thrilled to

announce that

she has a new

home on

Saturday

lunchtimes

HELEN THOMAS HEAD OF RADIO 2 ON ZOE'S SHOW

Helen Thomas, head of Radio 2, said: "Zoe is one of the UK's most loved presenters, so I'm thrilled to announce that she has a new home on Radio 2 on Saturday lunchtimes.

"Plus she'll be hosting various specials for us throughout the year."

Zoe, 54, who presented her last Radio 2

Breakfast Show on December 20 after six years, most recently presented two episodes of Christmas Crooners over the festive period. As previously announced, she will also host TV show Elaine Paige: 60 Years in Showbusiness, a concert honouring the extraordinary career of the singer who is also the station's host of Elaine Paige on Sunday.

The news comes after Zoe's eldest child, musician Woody Cook, revealed that she had been helping out in a cafe following her Radio 2 exit. He said: "These crazy party people I grew up with are now gardening, making puzzles and working in the local cafe."

BACK IN THE HOT SEAT Zoe Ball has weekend show

Woody, 24, also said he was thrilled about Zoe leaving the breakfast show. He explained: "It's lovely seeing my

He explained: "It's lovely seeing my mum more... obviously she's had quite a weird schedule for the last few years."

Zoe announced that she would be departing Radio 2 just months after

her extended absence during the summer following her mother's death.

In a statement on air, she said that she believed it was time to "start a new chapter".

However, she confirmed that she would be still be working with Radio 2 in some capacity after her breakfast show exit.

Her mother Julia passed away aged 74 in April last year following the news that she had been diagnosed with cancer.

Before Zoe's decision to walk away, the breakfast show's audience increased.

An average of 6.8million people listened to Zoe's show across the final quarter of the last year, according to statistics organisation Rajar.

The figure was up nine per cent on the previous three months and the highest the show had generated since 2023.

# **CLUBS TAKE ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**



STRAINS Charles and Diana

# Di's Balmoral boredom was start of split

BY KIRSTEN McSTAY

PRINCESS Diana's marriage to Prince Charles began to show signs of strains during a trip to Balmoral within months of their wedding day.

Charles and Diana tied the knot in 1981 but one staff member at Balmoral has revealed their marriage appeared to go wrong while they were in Scotland.

The Balmoral attendant made the claims in author Tom Quinn's new book Yes, Ma'am: The Secret Life of Royal Servants (published by Biteback, £20), which is to be released next month.

The book details accounts from servants.

A ghillie said country pursuits bored Diana. They said: "It was the start of the deterioration of their relationship, whatever people say about it being entirely about the other woman."



TOUGH BREAK Coffee lover

# Bitter taste as latte cost soars over £4

BY DAN VEVERS

COFFEE lovers have been warned a high street latte could set them back more than £4 this year as a result of bean crop failures due to climate change.

Wholesale prices of Arabica and Robusta – the most common beans used in high street chains – are up by 27 per cent in the last month and an incredible 77 per cent since July.

One Skye and Inverness shop owner said some suppliers had doubled costs in the past three years, forcing them to pass on price rises.

Niall Munro, of the Birch coffee chain, said: "For now, we're hesitant to serve coffee at over £4 per cup."

Hot and dry weather, flooding and unexpected frosts in coffee regions like Brazil and Vietnam have seen harvests plummet.



Violent attack on deaf teen fan sparks joint initiative

BY **BILLY GADDI** 

### A SHOCKING attack on a deaf football fan has sparked a new initiative aimed at tackling teen violence.

Police Scotland has teamed up with Dunfermline Athletic, Raith Rovers and a range of community organisations to launch the Rivals United initiative – targeted at those aged 12 to 17, to encourage teamwork, respect, and positive behaviour while addressing footballrelated anti-social behaviour.

It comes after teenage boys as young as 13 were arrested for pyrotechnic offences and assaulting officers at a fixture between the two clubs on February 1 at East End Park.

On the day, a 13-year-old boy was arrested and charged in connection with police assault and possession of pyrotechnics.

A 16-year-old male was also arrested and charged, while two boys, both

while two boys, both 13, were charged, all in connection with pyrotechnics offences.

Reports have been submitted to the relevant authorities.

Previously, a disabled Raith Rovers fan was set upon by a gang of thugs after the Fife derby at East End Park in January 2024.

Kieren Ross, 18, was attacked by former soldier Mackenzie King, 21, and 18-year-old Callum Beautyman – who were convicted at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on January 15 this year.

A victim statement from Kieren said: "Even though my physical injuries have healed, I don't think the mental impact will ever heal.

"I genuinely believed they wanted to kill me. I don't think that I'll ever be able to be the happy carefree boy I was before this happened."

Raith Rovers invited Kieren



together and help police to identify the culprits. Through the Rivals

United Initiative, held on Monday at Pitreavie training ground in Dunfermline, 110 pupils from schools across Kirkcaldy and West Fife were brought together for a day of football training, educational workshops, and engagement with players.

to Stark's Park

foll-owing the attack to meet

the players and watch training

and was given a signed shirt,

Dylan Easton's boots and Kevin

The club also had him travel

Both clubs condemned the

with them on the team bus for

attack and vowed to work

a fixture against Airdrie.

Dabrowski's gloves.

Participants took part in football training sessions, as well as discussions with officers on key topics such as racism, antisocial behaviour – including the dangers of pyrotechnics – and mental health awareness.

A highlight of the day was special appearances from Matty Todd from Dunfermline Athletic and Ross Matthews, Jamie Gullan, Lewis Vaughan, and Finlay Pollock from Raith Rovers, who took time to engage with the youngsters on the pitch.

Community Sergeant John Nicol said: "By working closely **SHOCK & AWE** Top to bottom, pyros at match, Keiren meets stars and youngster talks with players

with Dunfermline Athletic FC, Raith Rovers FC, and our local schools and partners, we aim to create positive experiences that resonate with young people long after the final whistle."

A Dunfermline Athletic spokesperson added: "Through education, engagement, and the power of football, we believe that this programme can make a significant difference in the lives of the young people in our communities."

Calum Beattie, SPFL's chief operating officer, said: "It's positive to hear so many important topics were addressed across the day, including the dangers of bringing pyrotechnics to football matches, and we're sure young supporters enjoyed getting to meet a player from their favourite team."





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# Trickster branded 'malicious' after sending runners down wrong path

BY RYAN CARROLL

### A PRANKSTER sent dozens of 10k runners in the wrong direction after messing with signs on a trail.

Around 30 participants in a race in Glasgow's Castlemilk woodlands were sent down the wrong path by the trickster who struck near the end of the run and even posed as a marshal.

They buried arrow signs meant to keep runners on the right track before changing the direction of the route with another sign.

The person then pointed participants towards the wrong part of the trail, which organisers said caused concern for safety as they were directed into an unmarked area.

Acorn Trails, which ran the event, said it was left with "bitterness, anger and disappointment" after the stunt and apologised to those taking part.

A spokesperson told the Record: "Thirty of our runners taking part in the Castlemilk Trail Race were wilfully and maliciously misdirected by a member of the public.

"Having nearly completed the tough trail race, runners, cold and tired, were sent further into the park. For many participants, this is strange territory for you to take account of idiots. Why with some having travelled from as far anyone would do this is beyond me."



JOG ON Arrow was moved by prankster

as Edinburgh to take part. Refreshments and their warm clothing were all awaiting the runners at the finish."

The company offered a 50 per cent discount to those affected for entry to their next event in Linn Park in March.

They continued: "Whilst in hindsight it's quite easy for folk to have a wee chuckle at a 'prank', it could easily have gone very wrong had someone got hurt."

Responding to its social media post, Jenni Pyw said: "I can't believe someone would do this! What an idiot!"

Blythe Lindsay said: "Focus on the

99.9 per cent of park users who are lovely and don't waste your energy on them."

Simon Parkinson added: "Impossible

# Bloody Sunday murder trial date

THE trial of a former BY REBECCA BLACK paratrooper accused of the murder of two men on Bloody Sunday is likely to be listed to start in September.

William McKinney when

members of the Parachute Regiment shot dead 13 civil rights protesters in Lon-donderry in January September. 1972. He is also charged with five attempted murdering James Wray and murders. He pled not guilty.

The case was mentioned

at Belfast Crown Court yesterday before judge Mr Justice Fowler.

Soldier F appeared via videolink as William's relatives looked on.

The case is next scheduled to be mentioned on March 18.



SENSATION Luke Littler

# Littler hits bullseye with home honour

BY JACK FIFIELD

DARTS superstar Luke Littler is to be honoured for his contribution to his home town.

The 18-year-old, who was awarded the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year Award in 2024, has been credited with creating a surge in interest in darts. coined "Littlermania".

At just 17 years old, Littler, nicknamed The Nuke, became the youngest World Darts Championship winner last year.

Now, his home town of Warrington is to bestow honorary citizenship of the borough on him at an extraordinary council meeting next week.

Labour councillor Hans Mundry proposed Littler should receive the award, with local councillors recommended to approve the proposal on Monday.



MISSED Julian Holloway

# Carry On film star Holloway dies aged 80

BY CHARLOTTE McLAUGHLIN

CARRY On star Julian Holloway has died aged 80.

The British actor played various characters across the series of comedy films Carry On Doctor, Carry On Up the Khyber, Carry On At Your Convenience, Carry On Henry, Carry On Camping and Carry On England.

His agency Damn Good Voices announced that he had died recently and added that he would be missed.

Theatrical agency Sharkey and Co, which also represented Holloway, said he died on Sunday at Royal Bournemouth Hospital after "a brief illness".

Holloway had a daughter, supermodel turned author Sophie Dahl, with British actress Tessa Dahl. daughter of children's author Roald Dahl.



# Star Cox's marriage therapy Succession



**TOGETHER** Brian and Nicole

SCOTS actor Brian Cox has revealed how couples therapy has helped boost his 24-year marriage.

The Succession star married his third wife, German actress Nicole Ansari, in 2001, and they have two sons together.

He said they were "very lucky", but added making the relationship a lasting success took effort and he had found couples therapy "incredibly helpful".

Cox, 78, said: "When you find the partner who is 'the' partner, it's a great gift and you have to work to make it happen. You've

# Couples counselling key to 24-year union BY GEORGE MAIR needs. That's where I've found it 80-year-old man at the age of 44,

BY **GEORGE MAIR** 

got to put effort in and the great thing with couples therapy is it helps with that effort.

There are always problems, there are difficulties. We've been married for 24 years. We've been together for 27 years."

He added: "It's not a problem. The problem is to clarify where you are and that's what you do, clarify what the other person feels and what the other person He was playing King Lear, an Anna Magdalena.

incredibly helpful. I'm not sure if I served the need but did my best."

Nicole, 56, a star of stage and screen, told how they met in 1991 when she was in a relationship with Cox's co-star in a National Theatre production of King Lear

in Germany.
She said: "I was introduced to  $Brian\,after\,I\,saw\,his\,performance$ and I said to my friend, 'This is the best actor I have ever seen'... and my then lover introduced me to Brian and it was fireworks.

"He warned me, 'If Brian doesn't speak to you, don't take it personally, he's a bit of a loner'. . Well, he wasn't a loner with me."

Cox acts opposite Nicole in The Score, which opens tomorrow at the Theatre Royal Haymarket. They portray husband and wife, the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach and his spouse



for her prolific output making up 723books, this year's centenary of her first release, 1925's Jig-Saw, is being celebrated with a special exhibition. Yet, the novelist's granddaughter says her over-the-top image belied a razor-sharp political mind.

Tara Parker, who loaned many of her gran's items to Hertford Museum for The Art of Romance exhibition, added: "There has been a stereotype but it couldn't be further from the

truth. She would use her voice as a celebrity to help other people."

**DIAMOND GIRL** Author loved dazzling jewellery

To mark Jig-Saw's centenary, which coincides with the 25th anniversary of Dame Barbara's death, aged 98, in May 2000, the novel will be re-released this year.

Written in 1920 when she was 19, it tells the story of Mona, a young woman who throws herself into London's high society and succumbs to its The book was praised by critics as a "promising first novel" – but no one could have guessed it would be the first of more than 700.

Exhibition curator Kathryn Saunders said: "Dame Barbara started off her writing by going to parties and writing about it and had a column writing about society in her early twenties."

She was soon married to publishing heir Alexander Kathryn said she regards Dame Barbara as a feminist despite her anti-feminist views, adding: "In the 1970s, she said she opposed the feminist movement because 'all women really want is the protection of marriage'.

'She was also anti-all things unfeminine. But she was one of the early career women - earning money as a gossip columnist, then a writer. "On average, she wrote one novel

each fortnight, dictating the stories to her secretary. She also built up a successful business selling her own range of products."

This included an interior design range for US store Macy's.

The exhibition has a book of ner fabric swatches.

She was also concerned with improving conditions for women.

FIRST AID In St John's Ambulance uniform as a young and older woman







**723** 

Number of books written by the prolific

1925

Year when Dame Barbara's first book

2000

of pink frocks, passed away aged 98

# is celebrated 100 years on

The exhibition shows a 1930 film of Dame Barbara, in which she reveals how a man told her men were better drivers than women.

A year later, she organised a ladies' race where nine women drove MG Midgets to show that women could drive just as well as men.

Dame Barbara was also a pilot and, aged 30, she looked for a way to make gliders travel further.

In 1931, she invented the first aeroplane-towed glider with two RAF officers and made a record flight of 200 miles.

During World War II, Dame Barbara took a mobile library around to Army officers while assisting with the Women's Voluntary Service and put together a wedding dress lending facility.

Tara, whose father was Barbara's eldest son, Ian McCorquodale, said: "She realised, because of rationing, women couldn't get married in white as there wasn't enough cloth.

"She bought second-hand dresses and by the end she was lending about 1000 items."

Exhibits include some of the and fellow curator Sara Taylor Romance runs u jewellery-loving writer's frocks, collected the exhibition items from Hertford Museum.

hats and shoes. Kathryn said: "Into the 1940s, when she was a very famous novelist, she joined St John's Ambulance as a volunteer worker.

"One of my favourite pieces in the exhibition is her St John's Ambulance uniform. It shows how there was so much more to her than an obsession with pink. A remarkable woman."

In the 1960s, Dame Barbara founded and was president of the National Association of Health and advocated for organic foods, homeopathy and acupuncture.

She was elected as a Conservative councillor for Hertfordshire County Council in 1955.

One of her proudest achievements was getting the law changed so the Romany community could have a fixed abode and their children could go to school.

Kathryn revealed: "She created a

Kathryn revealed: "She created a permanent site for travellers, which still exists today near Hatfield."

After she divorced Alexander, Dame Barbara married his cousin, Hugh McCorquodale, in 1936, and had sons Ian and Glen. Kathryn and fellow curator Sara Taylor collected the exhibition items from

Dame Barbara's Camfield Place estate in Essendon, Hertfordshire, where she wrote her romantic but not raunchy novels.

Awarded a damehood in 1991, she thought it was vulgar to write about sex in lurid terms, adding: "If you read newspapers today... it is sex, sex, sex all the time."

The famous cover artwork by Francis Marshall is also on show at the exhibition.

Kathryn's favourite novel is one that incorporates the author's most-loved animals.

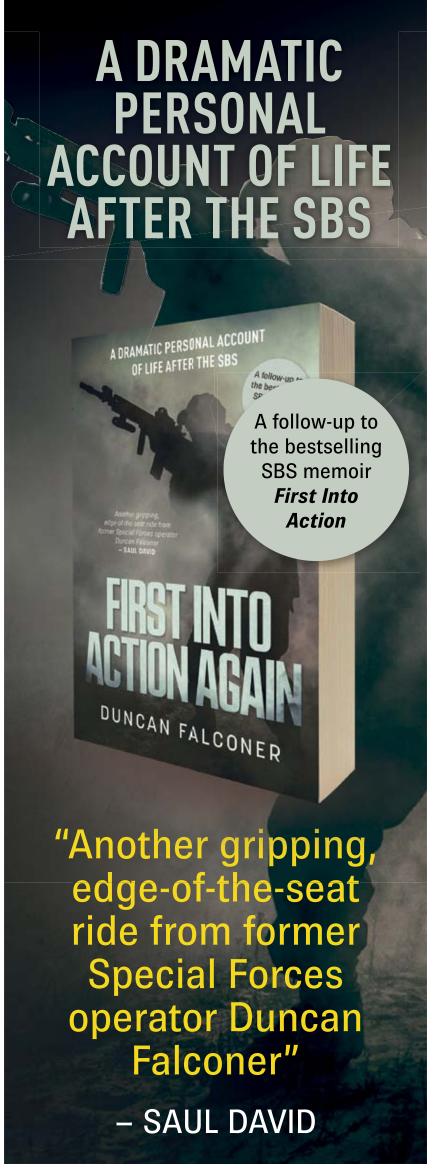
She said: "I like The Prince and the Pekingese. Dame Barbara was always pictured with her Pekingese dogs – she loved them.

"I also really enjoyed her book on etiquette. There are lots of great tips such as getting rid of guests who outstayed their welcome."

Kathryn has relished the chance to tell the hidden story of the author, saying: "Yes, there were a lot of pinks and frills but Barbara was so much more. She was a subject of the This Is Your Life big red book twice.

"It's just one indication of how much Dame Barbara accomplished."

Barbara Cartland: The Art of Romance runs until June 1 at Hertford Museum.



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# YOUR MONEY



IF YOU'RE looking for love, Valentine's Day might have triggered a fresh search for The One.

If so, you're not alone. Two-fifths of singles wanting to find someone special go for it with real gusto in February, research from Nationwide Building Society found.

Secrecy can

seem terribly

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it's intended to

Yet this month is a prime time for romance fraudsters, with reported losses hitting £99.4million in 2024, Action Fraud data found.

Scammers lurk on dating apps trying to con users out of cash, and hide behind fake social media profiles – even targeting vulnerable people on charity pages

who are discussing mental health issues and bereavement.

Worryingly, the Nationwide research found 44 per cent of people would continue messaging someone they had met online, even if something seemed off.

Sarah Lenette, a financial crime specialist at Starling Bank, says your gut instinct can be vital if certain conversations do not feel quite right – and save you costly heartache.

She suggests asking yourself these key questions that could point to your online match not being the real deal.

# Are you getting excuses for why you can't meet in person or have a video call?

"If you have a genuine connection with someone, a logical next step is to meet either in person or on a video call, ideally in person so you can get a sense of their behaviour," Sarah said.

"Fraudsters will often provide reasons for why they can't video call, such

as saying that they work abroad or are in the military, so you should always proceed with caution if someone tells you this."

It's also important to bear in mind that artificial intelligence can also be used by fraudsters, so don't believe everything you see.

Sarah warned: "If they do agree to do

a video call, you need to be cautious of deepfake videos.

"These can be incredibly realistic, but you can potentially spot them by paying attention to a person's body movements and facial expressions. If they don't look right, it's a sign to look for other unusual characteristics."

# 2 Have they asked you to keep the relationship a secret?

Secrecy could be a big red flag. Sarah said: "Although this can seem terribly romantic in the moment, it is a move intended to detach you from your real life.

"Discussing your new relationship with friends and family is an important way to keep them updated on your life, particularly as they can be a voice of reason.

"If someone asks you to keep your relationship a secret, always take a step back and ask why."

# 3 Does your date exist on other platforms?

If you have suspicions, Sarah suggests taking the information in their profile and doing some sleuthing. "Aside from

checking that they are on other social media platforms, you can do a reverse image search through platforms such as TinEye, which checks whether the profiles listed on their profile link back to different individuals.

"If the pictures don't match up, question why this is."

She also suggests considering whether information about the person exists on websites. She said: "Does

information about them come up in a search in several reliable places that aren't just social media sites, with info that matches what you're being told?

"Can you find any information about their job or place of work?"

# Are you being love bombed?

This is a manipulative tactic that can be a red flag regardless of whether someone is a scammer or not, said Sarah.

"Love bombing is when

a match shows extreme interest in you through things like excessive flattery, overly communicating their feelings for you and being intense about your future together at too early a stage.

"They could also highlight how you are so different to anyone they've dated to make you feel special.

"Everyone has felt lonely from time to time, and this can be particularly common when you're looking for love





- but this is when you can be most vulnerable to love bombing.

"First of all, be incredibly cautious if the person you're speaking to gets very serious very quickly.

"You don't actually know them that well so if you feel things are going alarmingly quick in the relationship, take a step back and suggest slowing things down."

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Alarm bells should ring if so tries to distance you from friends or family.

"This can be a common tactic, as this lowers the chances of you having anyone to speak to about their odd behaviour or requests for money, as well as making you more dependent on them," said Sarah.

# **5** Are you being asked for money?

"If your potential partner is asking you to send them money, take a step back to think about the full picture," said Sarah.

"Firstly, never send money to someone you haven't met in person.

"Meeting in person allows you to see they actually are who they say they are, protect your cash and heart.

and you can get a sense for whether they are trustworthy."

She added: "Secondly, if your potential partner is pressuring you to make any money moves quickly, stop and think.

"This pressure could come in many forms and is often time sensitive."

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Alarm bells should ring if someone

Romance scams can sometimes be combined with other scams, such as investment frauds, so a fraudster could

claim to have a time-limited "get rich quick" investment opportunity. They may claim they need money urgently for medical or legal bills.

Sarah said: "These should

Sarah said: "These should always be red flags, and are worth discussing with people outside the relationship.

"Someone who genuinely cares about your wellbeing never have an issue with your

would never have an issue with you taking your time or talking to a trusted friend or family member."

Checking the Financial Conduct Authority's ScamSmart page, speaking to friends and family, contacting your bank, or speaking to a regulated adviser before making any big financial decisions could protect your cash and heart.



KEY POINTERS On rates

# Put your house on these tips

BY LINDA HOWARD

WITH the Bank of England cutting interest rates from 4.75 per cent to 4.5 per cent, homeowners will now be welcoming the news that major high street banks have started lowering mortgage rates by as much as 0.36 percentage points.

Joseph Lane, of brokerage Mortgage Lane, said the news will interest those remortgaging in the near future. He shares his tips for those coming towards the end of their deal soon. **Do you expect other** 

banks to lower rates? Yes. This trend is generally driven by competitive pressures in the market.

# How can I ensure fixing the next mortgage deal with the best lender?

Research and compare different mortgage offers. Consider consulting with a mortgage broker. Look beyond interest rates; consider fees and the flexibility of the loan terms. Is it worth waiting for

others to lower rates? It depends on your individual financial situation and ability to handle potential rate fluctuations. Is a one, two, five or 10-year fixed rate best?

10-year deal is advisable.

It's possible mortgage rates could see further falls. If so, secure a fixed-rate deal now, especially for one or two years with flexibility

If stability is key, a five or

# to reassess at better rates. When should I start looking for new deals?

Three to six months before your current deal expires. Starting early can prevent you slipping on to your lender's higher standard variable rate.

Do I need to plan like I did for a first mortgage? Yes. And ensure your credit score as it affects the interest rates you're offered. Can you remortgage a

**home to buy another?** Yes. Make sure you have a solid financial plan in place.



SHIFT WORK Bank shift nurses are advised to fill out financial affairs themselves

# Don't be lured in by firms charging to do your taxes

I WORK bank shifts as a nurse and keep seeing adverts for firms to help with my tax. Is it worth it?

PAYING a company to manage your tax might not always be the best idea.

These companies often promise to save you money but usually charge high fees

The costs often end up being higher than the savings.

Some companies use tax avoidance schemes to lower your bills.

While legal, these can be risky. If HMRC decides the scheme isn't allowed then you could owe unpaid tax, plus fines and interest.

For most nurses, taxes are simple. You might have a few expenses like uniforms, registration fees, or travel, but these are easy to claim directly through HMRC. There's no need to pay a third party.

HMRC's website has tools to help you submit your claims, and by doing it yourself, you avoid hidden fees.

If you're unsure about the process, free, reliable resources are available.

For example, taxadvice.scot offers impartial advice. Call them on 0800 756 3381 for guidance on what you can claim and how to do it.

Their experts can help you handle your situation confidently, without the need for dear or risky services.

Taking control of your tax means keeping more of your hard-earned money and avoiding unnecessary costs or risks.

I GET Pension Credit but not my Pension Age Winter Heating Payment last month. What will I do?

DO not worry! If you're receiving

Pension Credit but didn't get your Pension Age Winter Heating Payment in December, there's something you can do.

For winter 2024-25, the rules changed.

The payment is no longer made to everyone over pension age but only to those over pension age who also receive certain benefits.

For most people, the payment should have been automatic.

However, some people, especially those who are living abroad or who meet certain other criteria, need to apply.

If you're over state pension age and get one of the following qualifying benefits - Pension Credit, Universal Credit, Income Support, Incomerelated Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Child Tax Credit, or Working Tax Credit - you should have received the payment automatically.

The key is that your qualifying benefit had to be in place during the qualifying week, which for this year was September 16 to 22.

If you claimed your benefit after that week but it was backdated to include that period, you should still be eligible for the Winter Heating Payment.

If you're eligible, you should have received a letter in October or November telling you how much you would get.

If you didn't, then you will need to apply by March 31 to get your navment.

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March 21-April 20 SHARING your dreams could turn out to be an interesting experience particularly when a good friend helps you view them in a new light. If you think there's a deeper meaning, take a moment to dig a little more and find out what your subconscious is trying to tell you.

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Taurus April 21 - May 21 WHILE you still feel a strong sense of responsibility and a need to get things done, you can't ignore a growing need to step away from duties and enjoy the company of friends. Both at home and in the workplace you will feel a strong urge to share your thoughts and opinions.

For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + netw access charge)

Gemini May 22 - June 20 YOUR intuition will guide you towards the path that you need to be on at this particular time. Trust you are precisely where you need to be right now. Emotional wounds will not mend quickly or easily. A more profound and supportive approach is necessary for your genuine healing.

For more call **0905 789 4173** (80p/min + networ

Cancer June 21 - July 22

BE diplomatic in official kinds of meetings and professional settings. What's going on now could work for you or against you but don't get too anxious about it. Just go with the flow and accept any help that is offered. These difficulties will not last much longer so hang on in there.

For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + networ access charge)

Leo July 23 - August 22 PEOPLE view you in a positive light and hold you in high regard. As a result, you shouldn't be surprised when friends and colleagues reach out to you for assistance and support. Your sensitivity is strong and this will inspire you to respond positively to their requests.

For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + networ access charge)

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22 YOU could get lost in daydreams as your imagination is particularly vivid. Your dealings with others will feel more meaningful partly due to your heightened intuition. You will pick up on unspoken feelings and thoughts of those around you. Be gentle

Libra Sept 23-0ct 2.
YOU have a kind and caring nature and will feel particularly keen to encourage a spirit of togetherness within a group setting. This makes you sensitive to the needs of those around you and eager to lend a helping hand whenever anyone might need one and go the extra mile.

Sept 23-Oct 23

For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

YOU could be welcoming new team members into your workplace or introducing a new friend to your social group. Your positive attitude inspires those around you. Financially, things are promising. Discussions involve whether to embark on home renovations or to move.

For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov23-Dec21 IF you're finding that certain people or situations are affecting your well-being, now is the time to make a change. It is possible to adjust your habits especially when it comes to exercise and nutrition. If vour lifestyle isn't supporting healthy choices, what can you do to improve on this?

For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20 YOUR days are speeding up and your schedule is set to get even busier. Don't be surprised to find yourself juggling errands and appointments. Chats with siblings and relatives will be equally as lively as you feel a strong motivation to get feedback on your ideas from those around you.

For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aguarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

LEARNING to say no is crucial now. Agreeing to do favours for loved ones or taking on more responsibilities could lead to an overwhelming burden. While volunteering for extra duties might seem like a good idea at first, it will lead to regrets when this disrupts your personal life.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network

**Pisces** Feb 20 - Mar 20

YOU'RE seriously considering your life and what's important. This is an ideal time to distance yourself from anyone or anything that might be hindering your progress. You can transform habits related to exercise and diet. If some friendships aren't working for you any more, rethink them.

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# The man in my ay, except in be

# Dear Coleen

TOWARDS the end of last year, I met a wonderful guy online and we dated for a couple of months before I broke it off. My problem is, I still really like him and I'm so attracted to him – he's literally my dream man in terms of looks and personality - but sex was a disaster.

We went out on a few dates before ending up in bed one night and, to put it delicately, he couldn't perform. I didn't think too much about it and put it down to first-time nerves, but every time we tried after that, the same thing kept happening.

It became embarrassing and awkward for both of us, so eventually I messaged him just saying I didn't think it was working out between us and we parted on good terms.

Now though, we're back in touch and have been having the best conversations. I like him so much and I fancy him like crazy so, my question is, can we solve the sex dilemma?

We've never spoken about it directly and I have no idea if this has happened with other partners or what's behind it. I'd love your take on it.

# Coleen says

SEX is a difficult topic to discuss, however if you do decide to give dating another go, try talking about what you like in bed before you get to

the stage of doing it. A bit of other and, if you get on flirty banter when you're out for brilliantly in every other way, I a cosy drink together could think it'd be a real shame not to break the ice and keep things address the elephant in the fun and lighthearted, and also room and try to make it work

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help to create the right mood.

He might be worrying too much about what he's doing and if he's pleasing you enough, but you can take the

boost his confidence by telling him what you love about him and how much you enjoy what he's doing.

From your letter, it sounds as if you're very attracted to each just good friends.

sexually.

I'd be willing to bet most relationships don't get off the ground with perfect sex on the first go; sex gets better when you get to know each

lead and show him, and also other better, when you start to become less self-conscious and with practice!

> If it still doesn't work, but you love each other as people, then you might have to agree to be

# WORDS OF WISDOM

YOU can show your love for people in little gestures of kindness – check in with a text or a phone call, make a meal for someone dear to you, surprise your other half with a morning cuppa. Try it, it feels good.

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# with SARA WALLIS

### **EMMERDALE**

STV, 7.30pm

THE harrowing aftermath of the limo crash plays out as ambulances speed the casualties to hospital.

It's chaotic at the hospital as some of the villagers are admitted.

What follows is a bit like an episode of Grey's Anatomy, with the medical dramas of each patient taking focus.

Meanwhile, Cain has admitted that he slept with his sister-in-law Ruby - while Moira was on the operating table - and now apologises to Moira for being "a spineless liar". Can she ever forgive him?



### EASTENDERS BBC1, 7.30pm

AT The Arches, terrified Grant, Linda and Nigel desperately try to reach Phil and beg him not to harm himself. But Phil has hit rock bottom.

There's total panic at The Vic as the people trapped inside face a desperate fight to escape. Jack and others try to heroically save as many as they can, as parts of The Vic teeter dangerously close to collapse.

When Denise realises that Ravi and Jack are caught up in the drama, she must face her feelings.

### CORONATION STREET

STV, 8pm



RYAN tells Daisy that it's about time she paid Carla back the money she owes her and fast. Lisa is brought in for questioning about Rob. Debbie hands out flyers to Todd and Billy for a singles tea dance.

After some convincing to get Billy to go, he and Todd attend, but when a couple of men offer to buy them drinks, Billy hurries out.

And Daniel and Kit pressure Daisy to find out who is the father of her baby.





### AMANDALAND BBC1, 9pm

SNOB mum Amanda is busy trying to "be real" for her social media brand Senuous, a rapidly growing Instagram start-up.

But the reality is that she only has four followers and her Tesla has been towed due to another failed repayment.

She can't even get her son to a Laser Tag party in Beckenham. In

exquisite Lucy Punch, doesn't even know where Beckenham is without her satnav.

Desperate times means that Amanda has to get a job at a local kitchen shop, which she's calling a "co-lah"

Unfortunately, her new work schedule means she is unable to oversee Georgie's homework, so she calls on a favour from Anne

fact, Amanda, played by the (Philippa Dunne) to help tutor her. Anne is thrilled at the idea of shaping young minds - having always wanted to be a teacher but she nearly has a breakdown over it.

> Meanwhile, Georgie is much more interested in watching Selling Sunset with her Gan Gan (Joanna Lumley), who is still hiding from her carer/PA "Kill" Joy.

Meanwhile, Mal (Samuel

Anderson) also struggles with helping his son with his maths, not wanting to admit defeat to the maths whizz stepdad.

And Della (Siobhan McSweeney) launches her sister restaurant, Double Shin – but Amanda is firmly not on the guest list. For now.

It's all a terrifyingly accurate and relatable depiction of school-gate mums and dads, with a constant flow of glorious gags to enjoy.



# WIN OR LOSE

THIS is the first ever original series from Pixar, the animation studios behind iconic movies like Toy Story. The Incredibles and Inside Out.

The action follows the intertwined stories of eight different characters as they each prepare for their big championship softball game.

The series reveals what it actually feels like to be in the shoes of each character - from the insecure kids to their helicopter parents and even a lovesick umpire. With colourful

characters, a moral message and sharp comedy, this is a collection of funny, emotional and uniquely animated perspectives.

Everything is set against the pressure and drama of a big softball game, with everyone chasing the feeling of a win. But if someone wins, somebody has to lose.

"No matter what happens, you are all winners," says the coach. But no one wants to blow it. Whether you are the confident player or the shy type, every kid or adult who has prepared for a competition will feel seen.

# AM I BEING UNREASONABLE?

BBC1, 9.30pm

AS the wheels continue to fall off for Nic (Daisy May Cooper), with her hallucinations only slightly more terrifying than real life, she decides to do something constructive.

She and Dan (Dustin Demri-Burns) decide to get couple's therapy because they are both worried about the effect their separation is having on Ollie (Lenny Rush).

Watch out for Brooklyn Nine-Nine star Chelsea Peretti as a brilliantly inappropriate therapist, who coaches them on an awkward video call that

results in a massive argument about a jigsaw puzzle.

Dan is also shocked to learn the truth about what really happened to Mr Meowgi. Then to make matters worse, Dan's mum and Suzi arrive unexpectedly and interrogate Nic about her affair with Alex.

This pushes Nic to share a dark confession with Jen (Selin Hizli) - after making Jen promise not to record her this time.

And when a scary creature appears, Nic panics that the Tarot card prediction has come true.

A darkly comic portrait of how lies can destroy everything.



Today's previews previous

are on the page

film \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* Very Goo ★★★ Good ★★ Average ★

ratings Bad

(R) Repeat

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines. 9.30 Morning Live Magazine. 10.45 Critical Incident (R)

BBC ONE

11.15 Homes Under the Hammer The gardens of a terrace in Southampton are tamed with a smart interior to match. (R)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian hosts from Eccleston, Lancashire. (R)

1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 2.00 The Big Idea Works Jen presents her idea to help

pushchair users navigate stairs. 2.30 Politics Scotland A round-up of political news and events at

Westminster and Holyrood. 3.15 Rick Stein's Food Stories The chef visits Kent. (R)

3.45 Antiques Road Trip Irita Marriott and Danny Sebastian hit the shops of Oxfordshire.

4.30 The Repair Shop on the Road The team helps save Britain's oldest wooden ship.

5.15 Pointless Quiz show.

6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather

6.30 Reporting Scotland

6.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats. (R)

# BBC TWO

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Danny Sebastian and Irita Marriott head to the West Country. (R)

7.15 The Repair Shop on the **Road** Dominic Chinea and Will Kirk discover the sport of pram racing in Sussex. (R)

8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity **Antiques Road Trip** Duncan James and Antony Costa hunt for antiques

around the Cotswolds. (R) 9.00 BBC News Headlines.

1.00pm Impossible Quiz show. (R)

1.45 Bridge of Lies Quiz show. (R) 2.30 The Tournament Quiz. (R)

3.15 Dynasties Footage of lions on Kenya's Masai Mara. (R)

4.15 Secret Britain An exploration of Kent. (R)

5.15 Flog It! From Capesthorne Hall in Cheshire. (R)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb.

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes Joe McElderry joins Robson on a two-day trip into the wilds of Northumberland.

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current

affairs and lifestyle features. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.

10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.

12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity nterviews and topical debate.

1.30 ITV News; Weather

1.55 STV News; Weather

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson assess items at the RAF Museum in north London.

3.00 Lingo Contestants compete in another battle of words. (R)

3.59 STV Weather Central

4.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)

5.00 The Chase Liam from Derbyshire, Katy from the Isle of Wight, Qahir from Bromley and Anne from Manchester take part.

6.00 STV News at Six; Weather 6.25 Party Political Broadcast By the Scottish Liberal Democrats

## CHANNEL

6.25am Cheers Triple bill. (R) **7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond** Triple bill of the sitcom. (R)

9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)

11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA There are problems at Cafe Kingston in Pasadena, California. (R)

12.05pm Channel 4 News 12.10 Sun, Sea and Selling

Houses Double bill. (R 2.10 Countdown Colin Jackson is in Dictionary Corner.

3.00 A Place in the Sun A couple seek a holiday home in southern France. (R)

4.00 A New Life in the Sun Renovations reach a milestone at Tom and Terry's B&B.

5.00 Four in a Bed Pamela hosts the third visit of the week at Cairngorms Glamping.

5.30 Come Dine with Me Medical trainer Jen hosts a pink-themed party in Leeds.

6.00 A Place in the Sun  ${\sf Lee}$ Juggurnauth helps childhood sweethearts Sue and Albert from Chatham find a holiday home in Benalmadena, Spain CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.

11.30 Storm Huntley Storm Huntley carries on the discussion and takes your calls to discuss the biggest stories of the day.

12.45pm GPs: Behind Closed **Doors** A patient struggling with stiffness and neck pain visits the surgery. (R)

1.40 5 News at Lunchtime

1.45 Home and Away Abigail teeters on the edge. (R)

2.15 FILM The Girl Before (2022, 12) A young woman lands an assistant job with a major fashion designer, who is not what everybody thinks she is. Thriller, starring Maeve Quinlan and Revell Carpenter. \*\*

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Cameras focus on Essex grafter Jacqueline. (R)

5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.

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6.00 Our Great Yorkshire Life Emmerdale's Dean Andrews takes his co-star pal Liam Fox to York to investigate the city's illustrious Roman past. (R); 5 News Update



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7.00 The One Show With Clara Amfo and Lauren Laverne.

7.30 EastEnders An hour-long episode. A disaster engulfs Albert Square, leaving lives in peril. Linda is on a mission to help a friend in need and Denise faces a huge decision.

8.30 Wynne & Joanna:

All at Sea Wynne Evans and Joanna Page travel from Carmarthenshire Bay to the charming town of Tenby in Pembrokeshire, where they receive a warm welcome from the local male voice choir.

9.00 Amandaland Amanda gets a 9 iob at Kichen's Kitchens and Bathrooms and Della and Fi launch their new restaurant.

9.30 Am I Being Unreasonable? Worried about the effect of their separation on Ollie, Nic and Dan try couples therapy.

10.00 BBC News at Ten A roundup of today's headlines

10.30 Reporting Scotland Local news reports 10.40 UEFA Champions League

**MOTD** Gabby Logan presents action from the play-off round second-leg matches, including Bayern Munich v Celtic at Allianz Stadium, Real Madrid v Manchester City at the Bernabeu and PSV Eindhoven v Juventus at Philips Stadion, as the line-up for the last 16 was confirmed.

**12.00m't** Debate Night. Topical debate on the big issues affecting Scotland and beyond. Members of the public have an hour to put their questions to a panel of politicians. (R) **1.00** Scotcast midniaht (R) **1.30** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 2.30 Weather for the Week Ahead **2.35-6.00am** BBC News

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road

**Trip** Actors Michael Brandon and Glynis Barber join experts Roo Irvine and Izzie Balmer in their yellow Ford Thunderbird, as they head off on the treasure-hunting challenge from Kendal to Keswick.

8.00 Great British Menu Chefs from the north east of England and Yorkshire compete over mains and desserts, which celebrate great Britons of the past. Plus, a chef cooks a sugar-free lavered dessert celebrating William Wilberforce

9.00 Murder Case: The Hunt for Mary McLaughlin's Killer

Detectives take on a decadeslong mystery when they reinvestigate the murder of Mary McLaughlin. A new suspect comes to the fore, but it raises more questions than answers.

10.00 The Cockfields Simon goes on a bike ride with Larry while Esther spends the day with Sue, fielding questions about the wedding. Esther helps David get ready for his date.

10.30 Newsnight The day's events with Victoria Derbyshire.

11.05 Unspun World with John Simpson The BBC's world affairs editor reflects on the week's global news stories.

11.35 Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone The experiences of four people trying to survive the Israel-Hamas war. (R)

12.35am Sign Zone: Great British Menu. Four chefs from Scotland cook canapes, starters and fish dishes that celebrate great Britons of the past. They're judged by Michelin-starred chef Aktar Islam. (R) 1.35 Sign Zone: Death in Paradise. Detective drama. (R) **2.35-6.30am** This Is BBC Two

6.30 ITV Evening News A roundup of the headlines; Weather

7.30 Emmerdale Drama from the village in the Dales. There is chaos at the hospital as villagers are admitted, times are harrowing for some, and Noah's situation is worrving

8.00 Coronation Street Drama from the street as Ryan overhears Bobby arranging to pick up some cash, Lisa is questioned about Rob, Abi bumps into a familiar face at

therapy, and Todd persuades

Billy to attend a singles event.

9.00 Grantchester Alphy is stunned to discover that a young woman he knows has gone missing, and soon after, an aspiring student journalist is found dead. Meanwhile, Leonard is concerned about Sam's influence over Daniel.

10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather 10.30 STV News; Weather 10.40 Scotland Tonight; Weather

Current affairs show which tackles the issues behind the headlines from a Scottish perspective, with live studio debate and analysis.

11.05 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special Jeremy Clarkson hosts a celebrity version of the big-prize quiz in which Steph McGovern and Dion Dublin answer questions to win cash for their chosen charities. (R)

12.00m't Shop on TV 3.00 Ainsley's National Trust Cook Off. Ainslev is joined by chefs Briony May Williams and Gaz Oakley at Tyntesfield in Somerset to see who can create and cook the Dish of the Day. (R) 3.50 Unwind with STV 5.05-6.00am Wheel of Fortune. Gameshow. (R)

7.00 Channel 4 News

A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the minute weather reports

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8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Stevenage, where Steven and Adeola are seeking an intervention to resolve their three-vear debate on whether

to renovate or sell their house 9.00 George Clarke's Building Home George meets Kazal and Eleena, who are taking on the challenge of restoring and extending a run-down house in a street near their home after spending 14-years living in Dubai.

10.00 Dubai: Buying the Dream

Double bill. Marcy bids to impress a prominent investor in the Jumeirah Islands and secure direct access to prime real estate by showcasing a contemporary villa with a French-inspired design. Michael and Nia have a fight on to get to the top of the board in the commission-only Dubai property market: the agents race to get sales over the line in time to win Broker of the Year with Karolina, Evelyn and Noa working on closing high value deals. Last in series

**12.05am** Gogglebox (R) **1.00** *FILM* The Secret of Marrowbone (2017, 15) Horror, starring George MacKay and Anya Taylor-Joy. ★★★ 2.45
FILM While We Watched (2022, 15) Documentary. \*\*\*\*\* 4.20 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders (R) 4.30 Frasier (R) 5.45-6.25am Countdown (R)

7.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors

Schoolgirl Ayesha needs treatment for a rash on her hands and Ryan has a painful lump in his throat. Benjamin talks to Dr Chris Harris about his anxiety and depression. (R); 5 News Update

8.00 Supermarket Own Brands: The Big Taste Test A look at how supermarkets are trying to compete with big brands. Lifestyle vlogger Sochima is joined by a panel of ordinary

punters to see if they can tell

brands from the own brands. 9.00 Surgeons: A Matter of Life or Death Rupesh Bhatt and David Bartlett prepare to operate on Edward, who has kidney cancer. Plus, a cardiac surgeon receives news of a potential donor

10.00 999: Emergency Call Out

heart for a mother of three.

Emergency service workers help a woman who has been flung from a horse, attend the scenes of two separate road collisions and assess a man left unconscious from alcohol consumption. (R)

11.05 FILM Bridget Jones's Diary

(2001, 15) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renee Zellweger and Hugh Grant. \*\*\*\*

1.00am PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.00 Tony Robinson's History of Britain. The actor explores the Edwardian era. (R) **3.50** Million Pound Motorhomes (R) **4.40** House Busters (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS (R) **5.35** Entertainment News **5.40** Paw Patrol (R) **5.50-6.00am** Pip and Posy (R)

- 6.00am CITV 9.00 World's Funniest Videos 10.00 Secret Crush 12.00noon Dinner Date **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed 4.00 Gilmore Girls 5.00 Dinner Date
- 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Sair han, Jordan North and Lisa Snowdon.
- 7.00 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern nosts as Gemma takes on the Banker
- 8.00 Gordon Ramsav's Food Stars USA The contestants face a live TV challenge.
- 9.00 Georgia Harrison: Porn, Power, **Profit** Georgia Harrison tries to find the people behind deepfake porn sites and nudifying apps while also investigating how much this industry is worth
- 10.00 Olivia Attwood: Getting Filthy Rich Documentary series. Olivia meets people that have monetised their XL body types.
- 11.00 Family Guy Double bill.
- 12.05am American Dad! 1.05 Bob's Burgers 2.05 The Emily Atack Show 2.45 Unwind 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping

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- 6.00am Teleshopping 7.15 Hairy Bikers Everyday Gourmets 8.00 Cops on the Rock **10.00** Trawlermen: Hunting the Catch 12.00noon American Pickers 2.00 The Boat That Guy Built 3.00 Top Gear 5.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British
- 6.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends The chef heads to Palermo, Sicily
- 7.00 Would I Lie to You? With guest panellists Charles Dance, Stephen Mangan, Isy Suttie and Gok Wan.
- 7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games ouble bill of the quiz-based games.
- 9.00 QI XL With Josh Widdicombe, Stephen K Amos and Cally Beaton
- 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Kirsty Young hosts the satirical quiz. 11.00 Taskmaster The celebrities face an
- egg cup challenge. Greg Davies hosts. **12.00m't** Mock the Week. Comedy panel show. 12.40 Would I Lie to You? 2.00 Richard Ayoade's Question Team 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

- 6.00am Hollvoaks 6.55 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **9.00** Young Sheldon **10.00** The Big Bang Theory 11.00 Modern Family 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Young Sheldon **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **5.00** The Big Bang Theory
- 6.30 The Simpsons Principal Skinner rediscovers the joy of teaching.
- 7.00 Hollyoaks With a secret threatening to expose Vicky, she turns to an unlikely ally.
- 7.30 Modern Family Comedy. 8.00 The Simpsons Double bill.
- 9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox The Baby, and
- Million Pound Pawn are appraised. 10.00 Gogglebox More TV opinions. 11.05 First Dates Dating series.
- 12.10am Naked Attraction 1.15 Celebrity Goaalebox 2.15 Goaalebox 3.15 Teen First Dates. Dating series. **4.10** Abbott Elementary **4.35** Brooklyn Nine-Nine 5.30-6.00am The Goldbergs

# ITVBe

- 7.30am Unwind with ITV 7.40 Backyard Builds 8.10 Olivia Meets Her Match 9.10 Jimmy's Taste of Florida 10.10 Making It Home with Kortney & Kenny 11.10 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills 12.05pm Olivia Meets Her Match 1.05 The Only Way Is Essex 2.05 Dinner Date 3.10 Scott's Vacation House Rules 4.05 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills 5.00 The Real Housewives of Atlanta
- 6.00 Making It Home with Kortney & Kenny Help transforming a family home
- 7.00 Jimmy's Taste of Florida
- 8.00 Dinner Date Dating series 9.00 The Real Housewives Ultimate **Girls' Trip** US reality series.
- 10.05 Botched by Nature An Arizona woman whose nose has collapsed.
- 11.05 Botched A rock-n-roller with a droopy eye wants to get back on stage.
- 12.00m't The Only Way Is Essex. Reality series. 1.00 Backyard Builds 1.30-7.30am Teleshopping

# U&DRAMAFreeview 20

- 6.00am Teleshopping 7.10 All Creatures Great and Small 8.00 Doctors 9.15 Classic Holby City 10.35 Classic Casualty 11.40 The Bill 12.40pm Classic EastEnders **2.00** Eldorado **3.15** Bergerac **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small **5.20** The Upper Hand
- 6.30 As Time Goes By Sandy worries that she has a stalker when she spots someone following her home at night.
- 7.05 Last of the Summer Wine Double bill. 8.20 Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators Double bill. Frank and Lu investigate a suspicious death among a
- a case of potentially paranormal activity. 10.25 New Tricks The team reinvestigates the 15-year-old murder of a boxer after the gun used to kill him is discovered at the scene of an armed robbery.

team of actors: Frank and Lu investigate

11.45 Bergerac Jim guards a VIP. 12.45am Lovejoy 2.50 Classic Holby City 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

# MORE4

- 8.55am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures 9.15 A Place in the Sun 10.05 A New Life in the Sun 11.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.05pm** Car S.O.S **2.05** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** Chateau DIY **5.50** Car S.O.S. Tim and Fuzz rescue the rusting wreck of a rare Talbot Sunbeam Lotus.
- 6.55 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw travel to Kent to restore a very tired 1991 VW T4 Campervan belonging to a man who has recently developed cancer.
- **7.55 Grand Designs** A cutting-edge home by the River Thames.
- 9.00 Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip Griff Rhys Jones rides the Indian Pacific for 3000km across the Nullarbor Plain.
- 10.00 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a 1962 TVR Grantura.
- 11.05 24 Hours in A&E An elderly woman is admitted with two severe leg fractures.
- 12.10am 24 Hours in A&E. Documentary. 1.15 Emergency Helicopter Medics 3.25-3.50am Food Unwrapped

BBC SCOTLAND 7.00pm Reporting Scotland: s at Seven **7.30** Designing the Hebrides 8.00 Paramedics on Scene. A Glasgow ambulance crew attend a stabbing. **9.00**Debate Night **10.00** River City **10.30** The Agency: Unfiltered **11.00** Scotcast **11.30pm- 12.00m't** The Disasters That Shocked Scotland

BBC ALBA 6.00am Alba Today 5.00pm Oscar & Ealasaid 5.15 Meaban is Moo 5.20 Boban is Fuigheag **5.25** Boban is Fuigheag **5.35** Gasta a' Ghraineag (Happy the Hoglet) **5.40** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.50** Stoiridh **5.55** Clann Na Cruinne 6.15 Triuir aig Tri 6.35 Bogaisean is Gumbalan (Bottersnikes and Gumbles) **6.45** An Sgoil **7.00** Dealbhan Fra (Heather's Portraits) **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Garradh Phadruig **9.00** Cold War Hockey 10.00 Transatlantic Sessions: Dluth an Daimh **10.30** Bannan **11.00** Sar Sgeoil: Open the Door **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm Regional News; Weather 2.30 Rick Stein Stories. The chef visits Kent. 3.00-3.45 Escape to the Country **6.30-6.55** Regional News; Weather **10.30-10.40** Regional News; Weather 12.00m't Who Do You Think You Are? 1.05-6.00am BBC News

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Newsline; Weather **2.30** Rick Stein's Food Stories **3.00-3.45** Escape to the Country **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather 10.40 Nolan Live 11.40pm UEFA Champions League MOTD **1.05-6.00am** BBC News

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC2 except: 11.05pm QI 11.35 Unspun World with John Simpson 12.05-12.35am BBC News

BORDER As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm News Border **6.00** ITV News Lookaround **6.25-6.30** Party Political Broadcast **10.30** ITV News Border **10.45** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special. Quiz show. 11.40 Made in Britain 12.05-3.00am Shop on TV 3.50-5.05am Unwind with ITV

UTV As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm UTV Live **6.00-6.30** UTV Live **10.30** UTV Live **10.45** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special 11.40 Made in Britain 12.05-3.00am Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

# BBC3

- 7.00pm Top Gear Michael Sheen is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
- 8.00 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star The MUAs work on drag artists in MAC's Viva Glam campaign.
- 9.00 Hunting the Catfish Crime Gang The story of an entrepreneur whose identity was stolen and used for criminal activities online, leaving him facing messages from people accusing him of conning them.
- 10.00 Disclosure: Matched with a Predator The crimes of romance fraudster Christopher Harkins. who stole from, abused and even raped the women he met online.
- **10.30 Normal People** Double bill. 11.35 Starstruck First episode of the
- sitcom, starring Rose Matafeo. 12.00m't Starstruck 12.45 Top Gear **1.45** Zen Motoring **2.00** Disclosure: Matched with a Predator **2.30** Normal People 3.05-3.50am Boarders

# BBC4 Freeview 24

- 7.00pm The Architecture the Railways Built The architecture of the Stockton and Darlington railway
- 7.45 The Flying Gardener Chris Beardshaw visits Devon to help build a spring woodland garden
- 8.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin The intrepid traveller reaches Tibet.
- 9.00 Secrets of Size: Atoms to Supergalaxies Jim Al-Khalili explores the largest known cosmic structures.
- 10.00 Vivien Heilbron Remembers - Cloud Howe The actress looks back on the 1982 drama series.
- 10.15 Cloud Howe Four episodes of the four-part dramatisation of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's novel, the second part of his Scots Quair trilogy. With Vivien Heilbron, Hugh Fraser and Celia Imrie. First broadcast in 1982.
- **2.05am** The Flying Gardener. First broadcast in 2007. **2.20-3.20am** Himalaya with Michael Palin

- **6.00am** Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order. Drama. 4.55 Entertainment News on 5 **5.00** Law & Order. McCoy and Price seek justice.
- 6.00 NCIS Triple bill. A bomb kills the Secretary of the US Navy; Tony travels to Tel Aviv to find Ziva; the team discovers a lieutenant might be planning a suicide attack.
- 9.00 Criminal Minds Kate's niece is kidnapped by traffickers.
- 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Double bill. The squad is pulled into a city-wide investigation of sniper attacks; a comatose woman is found clinging to life in a rowboat.
- 12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill 1.55 Law & Order. Crime drama. 2.50 New York Undercover 3.35 Car Pound Cops 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping





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# Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News. Round-up of reports.7.00 LIVE Tennis The WTA Dubai Tennis Championships. Day four of the event that takes place at Aviation Club Tennis Centre

8.30 LIVE ICC Champions Trophy Cricket Pakistan v New Zealand, Coverage of the Group A match from National Stadium in Karachi. Pakistan. This is the first time that this tournament has taken place since 2017, when Pakistan won the title thanks to a huge 180-run victory against rivals India at the Oval in London. The hosts made 338-4 in their 50 overs with Fakhar Zaman scoring 114 off 106 balls before India were bowled out for just 158 inside 31 overs.

5.30pm LIVE Tennis The WTA and/or ATP Tours 7.30 LIVE Tennis The ATP Rio de Janeiro Open.
Coverage of day three of the ATP 500 event, a clay-court tournament that takes place at Jockey
Club Brasileiro in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 2.00-6.00am Sky Sports News. Headlines

# SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** Best of ICC WT20 **6.30** History of the ICC Champions Trophy **7.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Pakistan v England in the 2022 final. 8.30 IVE ICC Champions Trophy Cricket

Pakistan v New Zealand. Coverage of the Group A match from National Stadium in Karachi. **5.30pm** Best of ICC WT20. England v India from 2007. **7.00** ICC Champions Trophy Cricket 8.00 WPL 9.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket 10.00 WPL 11.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket 12.00m't ICC Men's T20 World Cup 1.00 WPL 4.40 Ashes Greats 5.00-6.00am IPL

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL Cup Retro 8.45 EFL Greatest Games 10.00 Championship Season Review 11.00 EFL Cup Highlights 11.30 EFL Trophy Football 12.00noon WSL 12.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 12.45 SPFL Highlights 1.00 EFL Highlights 2.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show 3.00 EFL Highlights 4.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up **4.45** SPFL Highlights **5.00** WSL **5.30** EFL Highlights **6.45** WSL **7.15** Scottish

9.30 EFL Highlights 0.49 WSL 7.13 SCOULST Premiership Round-Up 7.30 SPFL Highlights 7.45 EFL Highlights. Stevenage v Burton Albion in League One. 8.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show 9.00 EFL Trophy Football 9.30 EFL Highlights 9.45 EFL Highlights 10.00 WSL 10.30 EFL Highlights 10.45 EFL Highlights 11.00 EFL Highlights 11.30 EFL Greatest Games 12.00m't Dundee United – Champions 83 12.30 Championship Retro 2.30 EFL Greatest Games 4.00 EFL Cup Retro 4.30-6.00am EFL

# TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights **7.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Highnights 7.00 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights 8.00 Premier League Netbusters 8.30 Premier League Stories 9.00 Isuzu A-League Highlights 9.30 Ninja A-League Women Highlights 10.00 Fishing: On the Bank 11.00 The Pioneers 11.15 What I Wore 11.45 Sign Up – Into Football **12.30pm** The Football's On **1.30** Original Documentary **3.00** Premier League **4.30** Premier League Netbusters **5.00** Premier League Stories **5.30** Premier League Reload **5.45** What I Wore **6.00** The Football's Or 7.00 LIVE UEFA Champions League Real Madrid v Manchester City (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the knockout phase play-off second-leg tie.

10.30 UEFA Champions League Highlights 11.30 Original Documentary 1.00am Ultimate Pool 2.30 TNT Sports Reload 3.00 Formula E Unplugged 3.30 Formula E Unplugged 4.00 The Football's On 5.00-6.00am Fishing: On the Bank

## TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am UEFA Champions League 9.00 UEFA Europa League & Conference League
Magazine 10.00 UEFA Champions League 1.00pm UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine 2.00 UEFA Champions League Highlights Show 2.30 Ninja A-League Women Highlights 3.00 Isuzu A-League Highlights 3.30 What I Wore 4.00 Ultimate Pool 5.30 UEFA Champions League

Highlights Show 6.00 Between the Lines 6.30 LIVE Premier League Aston Villa v Liverpool (kick-off 7.30pm). Coverage from Villa Park. 10.00 Match Officials Mic'd Up 10.30 Fight Night 11.30 UFC 2.30am UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **5.30-6.00am** Premier League Legends

### **EUROSPORT 1**

**6.00am** Alpine Skiing **7.00** Biathlon **8.00** Australiar Open Tennis **9.00** Cyclo-Cross **9.30** Show Jumping 11.00 Snooker: Welsh Open
12.55pm Biathlon. The World Championships.
1.50 LIVE Biathlon The men's 20km individual event

at the World Championships in Lenzerheide.

4.00 Alpine Skiing 6.00 Show Jumping 7.00
Biathlon 8.00 Masters Snooker 10.00 Australian Open Tennis 11.00 Cycling: Tour of Andalucia 12.00m\*t Cycling: Men's UAE Tour 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Algarve 2.00 Biathlon 3.00 Alpine Skiing 4.00 Cycling: Tour of Algarve 5.00-6.00am Cycling: Men's UAE Tour

# BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

7.35-9.45pm LIVE EFL Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle (kick-off 7.45pm). The Championship match at Kenilworth Road, as the teams meet for the second time this season. (Sky Sports +)

# Entertainment & Factual

6.00am Classic Emmerdale 7.00 Classic Coronation Street 8.10 Inspector Morse 10.35 The Royal 11.40 Heartbeat 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.40** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat 8.00 Grace 10.00 Endeavour 12.00m't Trial & Retribution 2.05-2.30am Unwind with ITV

### ITV4

6.00am Minder 7.05 The Professionals 8.10 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 9.20 gnum, Pl 10.20 Kojak 11.25 BattleBots 12.30pm The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 1.35 Magnum, Pl 2.40 Kojak 3.45 Minder 4.50 BattleBots 5.55 Beat the Chasers 7.00 The Motorbike Show 8.00 FILM 7.00 The Motorbike Show 3.00 pixml Diamonds Are Forever (1971/PG) ★★ 10.25 All Elite Wrestling: Collision 12.25am Dark Side of the Ring 1.15 BattleBots 2.10 Auto Mundial 2.35-3.00am Unwind with ITV

### **5STAR**

8.00am 22 Kids & Counting 9.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun 10.00 Nightmare
Tenants, Slum Landlords 11.00 Traffic Cops 2.00pm Police Interceptors 5.00 Rogue Claimers 6.00 Home and Away 7.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 8.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors 9.00 Shoplifters Caught Red Handed 10.00 Sleeping with My Murderer 11.00 Skin A&E 12.00m't Accused 12.50 GPs: Behind Closed Doors 1.50 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 2.40 Police Interceptors 3.30 Home and Away 3.55-4.00am Entertainment News on 5

### REALLY

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** Money for Nothing **12.00noon** Escape to the Country: double bill **2.00**Antiques Road Trip: triple bill **5.00** The
Yorkshire Auction House: double bill **7.00** Antiques Road Trip: double bill 9.00 Body Bizarre: double bill 11.00 Dr Pimple Poppe 12.00m't Help! My House Is Haunted 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters

### **5ACTION**

**9.00am** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **9.25** Outback Truckers **10.25** Traffic Back: 9.25 Outdack Indexers 10.25 Iranic
Cops 11.25 Police Interceptors 12.25pm
FILM The Gambler V: Playing for Keeps
(1994/PG) \*\* 2.20 FILM Drums Across the
River (1954/PG) \*\* 4.00 Outback
Truckers 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00 Police Interceptors 8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 9.00 Police Interceptors 10.00 Police Code Zero: Officer Under Attack 11.00 TIM Rise of the Footsoldier Part 2 (2015/18) \*\* 1.15 Police Interceptors 2.15-4.00am Trucking Hell

### **SKY ARTS**

6.00am Cirque du Soleil: Volta 8.05 Watercolour Challenge 9.05 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Anthony Quinn 12.00noon Portrait Artist of the Year 2020 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Laurie Lee: The Lost Interview **3.00** Discovering: Joan Crawford **4.00** Guy Garvey: From the Vaults **5.00**Portrait Artist of the Year 2020 **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** The Alfred Hitchcock Hour 8.00 Landscape Artist of the Year

Live UEFA Champions TNT Sports 1, 7pm Real Madrid hos Manchester City at the Santiago Bernabéu. Erling Haaland (left) and need to be at their best against the reigning champions

9.00 Artist of the Year: Masterclass 10.00 Bill Bailey's Master Crafters: The Next Generation 11.00 Michael Caine: The Becoming of a Hollywood Star 12.15am The Ghost of Richard Harris 2.25 David Baddiel: The Not the Trilogy – Trolls: Not the Dolls 3.40 Life & Rhymes 5.10-6.00am Auction

### **U&GOLD**

**7.35am** Last of the Summer Wine **8.10** The Vicar of Dibley **9.30** The Green Green Grass 10.10 Are You Being Served? 10.50 The Vicar of Dibley 11.25 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40pm The Green Green Grass 1.20 The Good Life 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley 3.20 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 5.20 The Green Green Grass 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 The Good Life 8.40 The Vicar of Dibley 10.00 The Cleaner 10.35 The Good Life 11.15 The Vicar of Dibley 12.35am The Cleaner 1.15 Toast of London 1.50 The Black Adder 2.35-4.00am The Outlaws

### **U&YESTERDAY**

**6.10am** Antiques Roadshow **8.00** Secret Nazi Bases **9.00** Living with Hitler **10.00** The Architecture the Railways Built 12.00noon Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00 Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers & Cash 4.00 Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 Living with Hitler 6.00 Antiques Roadshow 7.00 How Britain Worked 8.00 Great Coasta Railway Journeys 9.00 Great Canal Journeys 10.00 Bangers & Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00-3.00am Secrets of the London Underground

# **U&ALIBI**

**7.10am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries 11.00 Hudson & Rex 12.00noon The Mentalist 1.00 Death in Paradise 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 5.00 Hudson & Rex 6.00 Father Brown 7.00 The Mentalist 8.00 White Collar 9.00 Death in Paradise 10.00 Father Brown 11.00 The Mentalist 12.00m't White Collar 1.00 CSI: Vegas 1.55 So Help Me Todd 2.55-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries

### **SKY MAX**

6.00am S.W.A.T 8.00 The Flash 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 Supergirl 12.00noon The Flash 1.00 S.W.A.T 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Magnum P.I 5.00 Manifest 6.00 Stargate SG-1 8.00 Freddie Fries Again

9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 10.00 Hacks 11.20 Strike Back: Vengea Matlock and his men break a political prisoner out of iail. 12.20am The Force: Manchester **1.20** Road Wars **2.00** A League of Their Own **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Magnum P.I 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

### **SKY ATLANTIC**

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secret 8.05 True Blood 10.15 Billions 12.20pm Game of Thrones 1.25 Big Love 3.35
True Blood 5.45 Billions 7.55 Game of Thrones **9.00** The White Lotus **10.10** Homicide: Life on the Street **11.10** Succession 1.40am Band of Brothers 2.55 Game of Thrones 4.00-6.00am Fish Town

# SKY WITNESS

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize 7.00 Motorway Patrol **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Send in the Dogs 10.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line 10.30 Border Security: America's Front Line **11.00** The Good Doctor **12.00noon** FBI **1.00** FBI: International **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Stop, Search, Seize **4.00**Nothing to Declare **8.00** FBI: Most War 9.00 The Equalizer 10.00 Elsbeth 11.00 The Rookie 12.00m\* Law & Order: Organized Crime 1.00 FBI: Most Wanted 2.00 The Good Doctor 3.00 The Rookie: Feds 4.00 Highway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Road Wars

### SKY COMEDY

8.00am Bored to Death 9.15 The Conners 10.15 Hung 11.35 High Maintenance 1.05pm Curb Your Enthusiasm 1.45 Hung 3.05 High Maintenance 4.30 Bored to Death 5.50 The Office (US) 6.50 The Conners 7.50 Mr Mayor, Arpi and Neil meet in the televised mayoral recall debate. 8.20 Curb Your Enthusiasm **9.00** SNL50: Beyond Saturday Night **11.25** Kevin Hart: Reality Check 12.35am Entourage 1.45 High Maintenance 3.45-5.00am Flatbush Misdemeanors

### **DISCOVERY**

6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00 Building Off the Grid 9.00 Bitchin' Rides 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm Alaska: Homestead Rescue 3.00 Gold Divers 5.00 Deadliest Catch 6.00 Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Salvage Hunters 8.00 Kindig Customs 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 America's Backyard Gold 12.00m't Street Outlaws: Locals Only 1.00 Gold Divers 2.00 America's Backyard Gold 3.00 Iron Resurrection 4.00-5.00am Moonshiners

### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

**6.00am** World of Cruising **6.30** Teleshopping **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation: Special Report 10.00 World War II: Secrets from
Above 11.00 Airport Security: Rome
12.00noon Car S.O.S 1.00 Rocky Mountain
Railroad 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 3.00
Raiders of the Civil War: Drain the Oceans 4.00 Murder in the Skies: Who Downed MH17? 5.00 Car S.O.S 7.00 Air Crash Investigation 8.00 Murder in the Skies: Who Downed MH17? 11.00 Air Crash Investigation. The crash of Crossair Flight 3597 in 2001. 12.00m't Construction Fails 1.00 Mysterious Islands 2.00 Lords of War 2.30 Made in a Day 3.20 Food Factory 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

# Radio

# **BBC RADIO 1**

97.6-99.8MHz 6.58am Newsbeat 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James 10.30 Newsbeat 10.33 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Matt and Jerry 3.30 Newsbeat 3.33 Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders 8.00 Radio 1's Future Pop with Maia Beth 10.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri 11.00 Benji B 1.00am Radio 1 Dance Presents 1.30 Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

# BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show 9.30 Vernon Kay 12.00noon Tina Daheley 2.00 Trevor Nelson 4.00 Sara Cox 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower 7.00 Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley. Music and chat. **8.45** Radio 2 Piano Room 9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe 10.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony. Amix of joyful floor fillers, soulful house and rical garage tunes. **12.00m't** Phil Williams **3.00** Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay 4.00-6.30am Owain Wyn Evans

### BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast 9.30 Essential Classics 1.00pm Classical Live 3.00 Choral Evensong 4.00 Composer of the Week: Britten 5.00 In Tune 7.00 Classical Mixtage 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

# CHOICE Radio 3 In Concert

Radio 3, 7.30pm Shostakovich's 6th Symphony is the top of the bill in this performance by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales along with a Gavin Higgins premiere (A Monstrous Little Suite from The Monstrous Child), and Weinberg's Trumpet Concerto featuring Håkar Hardenberger, Rvan Bancroft conducts

9.30 Facing the Music. How Florence Price overcame prejudice to forefront her identity in her music. **10.00** Night Tracks. Hannah Peel presents a soundtrack for late-night listening. **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

## BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today 9.00 Sideways 9.30 Word of God 10.00 Woman's Hour **11.00** Putin's Blood Feud **11.45** Book of the Week: Under a Metal Sky 12.00noon News 12.04 You and Yours 12.57 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.45 You Do Not Have to Sav Anything 2.00 The Archers 2.15 Drama: Undercover – Th Fury 3.00 Money Box Live 3.30 Mouth Organ **4.00** The Media Show **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** ReincarNathan 7.00 The Archers. Jolene is not impressed. **7.15** Front Row **8.00** AntiSocial **8.45**NatureBang **9.00** The Life Scientific. Jim Al-Khalili talks to fellow scientists about

their life and work. 9.30 Inside Health 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime The Glassmaker 11.00 Bunk Bed 11.15
Jamie MacDonald: Life on the Blink 11.30 The Grand House: Boom or Blight?

12.00mt News 12.30 Book of the Week:
Under a Metal Sky 12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping
Forecast 5.30 News 5.43 Prayer for the Day 5.45-6.00am Farming Today

### **BBC RADIO 5 LIVE**

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.00 Naga Munchetty 2.00pm Matt Chorley 4.00 5 Live Drive 7.00 5 Live Sport 8.00 5 Live Sport 10.30 Tony Livesey 1.00am Dotun Adebayo 5.00-6.00am Wake Up to Money

# BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am Good Morning Scotland 9.00 Mornings 12.00noon Lunchtime Live 1.30 The Afternoon Show 3.30 The Afternoon Show 4.00 Drivetime 6.00 Get It On with Bryan Burnett 8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart 10.00 Vic Galloway 12.00m't Scotcast 12.30-6.00am As BBC Radio 5 Live

# TALKSPORT

1053/1089kHz 6.00am Breakfast with Alan Brazil 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan 1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs 4.00 talkSPORT Drive with Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent **7.00** GameNight **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time with Paul Ross 5.00-6.00am Early Sports Breakfast

# Movies

11.00am The Long Ships (1963/PG) Viking adventure, starring Richard Widmark. ★★ 1.35pm An Affair to Remember (1957/U) Romantic drama, with Cary Grant. \*\*

3.50 Anzio (1968/PG) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. ★★
6.10 Independence Day (1996/12) Sci-fi
adventure, starring Will Smith. ★★★

9.00 The Father (2020/12) An old man gradually succumbs to dementia as his daughter contemplates starting a new iffe in Paris. Drama, starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman. \*\*\*\* 10.55 Fury (2014/15) Second World War

drama, starring Brad Pitt. ★★★★ **1.35-4.00am Shayda** (2023/15) Premiere. Drama, starring Zar Amir Ebrahimi. \*\*\*

### **SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**

6.25am Chuck Chuck Baby (2024/15) Drama, starring Louise Brealey. \*\*\*
8.15 Turn Me On (2024/15) See 4.55am. \*\*\*
10.15 The Garfield Movie (2024/U)

See 6.15pm. \*\*\*
12.00noon The Line (2023/15)

See 10.35pm. ★★★

2.00pm A Place Called Silence (2024/15) Thriller, starring Eric Wang. ★★★ **4.10 The Bikeriders** (2023/15) Drama, starring

Tom Hardy and Jodie Comer. \*\*\*\*

6.15 The Garfield Movie (2024/U) Animated

adventure, featuring the voices of Chris Pratt and Samuel L Jackson. \*\*\*
8.00 Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024/15) A warrior seeks vengeance against a biker horde led by the crazed Dementus. Fantasy

adventure, starring Anya Taylor-Joy. \*\*\*\*

10.35 The Line (2023/15) Drama, starring
Alex Wolff and Lewis Pullman. \*\*\* 12.25am The Killer (2024/15) Thriller, starring Nathalie Emmanuel and Omar Sy. \*\*\*

2.40 A Place Called Silence (2024/15)

**4.55-6.55am Turn Me On** (2024/15) Fantasy comedy, starring Luke Kirby. \*\*\*

### SKY CINEMA DRAMA

6.10pm Bob Marley: One Love (2024/12) Drama, with Kingsley Ben-Adir. \*\*\*\*

8.00 Lady Bird (2017/15) An artistic teenager endures a difficult relationship with her mother while growing up in California, Comedy

drama, starring Saoirse Ronan. \*\*

9.45 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008/12) Drama, with David Thewlis.

11.25 To Olivia (2021/PG) Drama, with Hugh Bonneville and Keeley Hawes. \*\*\*

1.10am Cicada (2020/15) Drama, with Matthew Fifer and Sheldon D Brown. 2.55 Manodrome (2023/15) Drama, with Jesse

Eisenberg and Adrien Brody. \*\*\*

4.40-6.30am What If (2013/15) Drama, with Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan, \*\*\*

### SKY CINEMA HARRY POTTER

6.20pm Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. \*\*\*

9.05 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of

Azkaban (2004/PG) Fantasy adventure, rring Daniel Radcliffe. 🖈 11.30 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

(2005/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. ★★★ 2.10am Harry Potter and the Order of the

Phoenix (2007/12) Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★

4.35-7.15am Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009/12) Fantasy adventure seque starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★★

# **TALKING PICTURES TV**

4.45pm The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp 5.20 The Adventures of Jim Bowie 5.55 The Texan Bill discovers a dead body, and is accused of killing the man.

7.00 Z Cars Vintage police drama 8.00 Manhunt Second World War drama.
9.05 Maigret The inspector investigates

the death of a harbourmaster. 10.55 In Suspicious Circumstances Two

women fall victim to a serial bigamist. 12.00m't Maigret Drama.

1.05am Ruth Ellis and the Mystery Lover 2.40 House on Haunted Hill (1959/12) Horror, starring Vincent Price. 4.15-5.30am Bindle (1966/U) Comedy, starring

### Alfie Bass and Johnny Wade. **GREAT! MOVIES**

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Second Chances (2014/PG) Drama, starring Eric Mahius and Kristin Booth

7.00 Perception Daniel requires surgery. 8.00 Perception Moretti goes undercover

to investigate an animal rights group.

9.00 Six Days Seven Nights (1998/12) Adventure, starring Harrison Ford, ★

11.10pm It Could Happen to You (1994/PG) Romantic comedy, with Nicolas Cage. \* 1.25am The Nanny Betrayal (2018/PG)
Thriller, starring Michelle Borth. \*\*
4.00-6.00am A Deadly Lullaby (2020/PG)
Thriller, starring Katie Leclerc. \*\*

# FINANCE

# Wages rise as vacancies fall

**WAGE** growth has accelerated for months to December. The figures comes three months running despite further signs of strain in the jobs market as vacancies tumbled again, according to official figures.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said average regular pay surged to 5.9 per cent in the three months to December up from 5.6 per cent in the previous three months.

That was the fastest growth since the three months to April and earnings also outstripped Consumer Prices Index inflation by 3.4 per cent.

Meanwhile jobs vacancies slid 9000 to 819,000 in the three months up to January. But in a more encouraging sign, the ONS estimated the number of workers on payrolls rose by 21,000 during January to 30.4million following a 14,000 drop in December.

The UK unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 per cent in the three

amid warnings from businesses over job losses and higher prices after the Government's National Insurance hike and minimum wage increase.

A survey by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) has revealed a third of businesses expect

employment costs to rise and said they plan to lose jobs through redundancies or cutting back recruitment.

ONS director of economic statistics Liz McKeown said: "Growth in pay, excluding bonus-es, rose for a third consec-

utive time, with increases in both the private and public sector. And after taking inflation into account, real pay growth also increased slightly.

Vacancies also continued to fall in the latest quarter, albeit more slowly, with the total number remaining a little above its pre-pandemic level."

**HOLIDAY Inn owner InterContinental Hotels** Group (IHG) has snapped up another hotel

down **1.3** at **8766.7** 

brand as it reported stronger profits. The FTSE 100 firm said it had paid an initial £87.6million for Ruby Hotels which was founded in 2013 and has 20 establishments across Europe, including three in London.

IHG said the business also has 10 planned hotels in the pipeline and it intends to grow the brand "substantially further" aiming to expand it into the US.

It came as IHG revealed operating profits grew by 10 per cent to £890million in 2024.

FTSE 100

TRADING platform Plus500 posted stronger revenues as it was boosted by rising customer numbers. The group also disclosed plans to hand \$200million (£158.5m) back to investors through a share buyback and dividends.

The firm reported a 30 per cent

increase in new customers to 118,010 in 2024, which helped to contribute to a six per cent increase in revenues to \$768.3m (£609m) for the year. Shares in the company were five per cent lower in early trading.

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Abrdn	157.1	0.0	HSBC	898.1	16.8
Anglo American			Imperial Brands		-5.9
AB Foods			International Airline Grp		0.7
Admiral Group		3.0	IDS		-0.3
AstraZeneca		74.0	ITV	75.8	0.4
Aviva PLC	506.0	-4.7	JD Sports		-1.8
BAE Systems	1336.5	-1.4	Kingfisher		-5.8
B&M European			Land Securities		1.0
BAT		0.0	Legal & General	242.4	0.6
Balfour Beatty	466.4	-1.5	Lloyds	63.3	0.3
Barclays	308.2	3.8	Marks & Spencer		
BR Land Co	366.8	-4.3	National Grid		-11.7
BP	462.4	-0.3	NatWest Group	445.2	6.2
BT	147.2	-4.3	Next	10115.0	-29.9
Capita Group	13.5	-0.0	Ocado	304.9	-7.7
Carnival			Pearson	1348.0	-6.9
Centrica	135.9	-0.4	Persimmon	.1229.0	-3.9
Compass	2814.0	-28.9	Prudential	726.8	-3.3
Currys PLC	98.7	-0.1	Reckitt	5338.0	14.0
Diageo			RELX	4029.0	-18.9
Direct Line	266.0	-2.1	Rentokil Initial	423.7	-0.1
Easyjet	517.6	-5.9	Rio Tinto	5081.0	-3.9
Ferguson	14610.0	40.0	Rolls-Royce	644.4	9.0
Frasers Group	621.0	-3.4	J Sainsbury	251.0	-10.3

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Shell PLC	2680.0	-6.9
Smith & Nephew	1032.5	1.0
Smiths WH	1219.0	-14.9
Standard Chartered	1138.5	13.5
Taylor Wimpey		-0.5
Tesco	382.3	-14.6
Unilever	4340.0	-39.9
United Utilities	978.4	-11.9
Vodafone	66.4	1.0
Whitbread		-2.9
Reach PLC	84.7	0.7
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Euro	1.206
Australian Dollar	1.986
Bulgarian Lev	2.359
Canadian Dollar	1.789
Egyptian Pound	63.83
New Zealand Dollar	2.211
Polish Zloty	5.011
South African Rand	23.202
Swiss Franc	1.138
Thai Baht	42.393
Turkish Lira	
UAE Dirham	4.63
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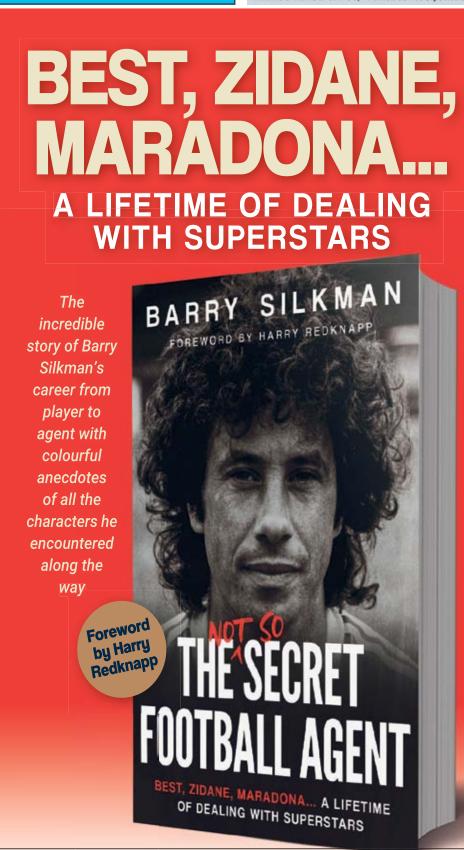
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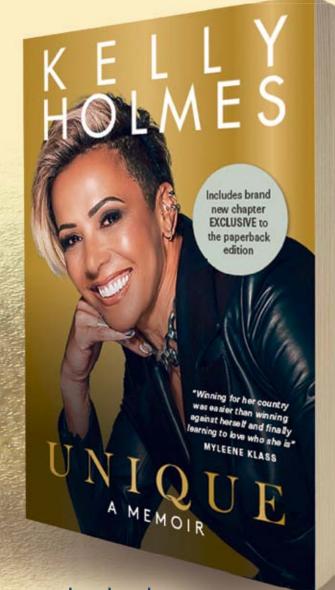
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### SEASON LAUNCH



MURAL MAN Joshua Buatsi is aiming to get his poster back

JOSHUA BUATSI is determined to be reinstated as boxing's poster boy after his face was wiped from London's streets.

The Briton had his features plastered on a wall in his hometown of Croydon after winning a bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics.

Now 31, Buatsi was tipped to follow in the footsteps of Anthony Joshua and replicate his amateur success in the professional ranks.

But injury and inactivity stalled a career which looked destined to culminate in world title glory.

A win over Willy Hutchinson last year, however, earned the light-heavyweight an interim belt which could be upgraded to the real deal if Buatsi beats fellow Brit Callum Smith on Saturday night.

The winner will be slated to fight either Artur Beterbiev or Dmitry Bivol who meet again for the undisputed title in the weekend's main event.

But should the king of the division swerve his

obligations, Buatsi could be crowned champion by default - which would be enough for him to demand his mural is restored.

"I'm gutted they took it down," he said. "The deal was to have it up for a year.

"It was up for longer but they took it down in the end so the aim is to get another one up.

"It was crazy. I was like, 'Why the hell is there a mural of me up?'. But it was amazing. Coming from Croydon and how we are, you don't imagine these things happening to you."

Four of Buatsi's teammates from Rio went on to win world titles while the Londoner retreated into boxing's shadows.

But if out of sight was out of mind, Buatsi is confident he can return to the limelight. "I'm still undefeated, I've got a good record," he added.

 Watch Buatsi v Smith live on TNT Sport Box Office this Saturday. Buy at www.tntsports.co.uk/

### Pain in the neck as Ewen rules out three events

EWEN FERGUSON has ruled himself out of the next three DP World Tour events in Kenya and South

The Scot told organisers of this week's Magical Kenya Open of his withdrawal as he continues to recover from a nagging neck injury that forced him out after just six holes of the CB Qatar Masters in Doha.

Ferguson said: "It's disappointing. I've been struggling with my neck lately. It's more my upper spine that stiffens, so I've been compensating with

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my neck and it seizes up, which is annoying."

Ferguson revealed at last month's Hero Dubai Desert Classic he's been working with Dr Andrew Murray, the Tour's Chief Medical and Scientific Officer.

He also won't contest next week's South African Open in Durban or the Joburg Open and is targeting a return in Singapore next month.

Connor Syme will now head the five Scots in the Nairobi field.



### **LEWIS HAMILTON will** today fulfil a childhood dream as he finally gets behind the wheel of his first Ferrari racing machine.

The Italians, along with all their other Formula One rivals, showed off their 2025 livery at last night's season launch show in London.

They then hot-footed it back to their Maranello base for their own event today before a shakedown drive.

Hamilton, 40, will hope it's the car in which he'll finally become the sport's first and only eight-time champion.

Someone who doesn't care how the Brit gets on is the young man who replaced him at Mercedes - but don't use that word around Kimi Antonelli.

The teenager said: "I don't find it right to say I'm his replacement.

He's done so much in the sport and I just feel like the next Mercedes driver. I want to make

### Star teen Antonelli takes wheel at Mercedes

BY **DANIEL MOXON** 

my own story. Definitely, racing for Mercedes is a big responsibility because it's obviously a top team.

"But at the same time, it's a great opportunity. It's a privilege to be where I am today and I'm just trying to make the best out of this opportunity."

Mercedes have high hopes for Antonelli, 18, who has been fast-tracked into F1 due to his stellar record in the junior categories.

They famously missed out on signing Max Verstappen

Mar 14-16 - Australia GP, Melbourne Mar 21-23 - Chinese GP, Shanghai Apr 4-6 - Japanese GP, Suzuka Apr 11-3 - Bahrain GP, Sakhir Apr 18-20 - Saudi Arabia GP, Jeddah May 2-4 - Miami GP, Miami May 16-18 - Emilia Romagna GP, Imola May 23-25 - Monaco GP, Monaco May 30-Jun 1 - Spanish GP, Barcelona Jun 13-15 - Canadian GP, Montreal Jun 27-29 - Austrian, GP, Spielberg Jul 4-6 - British GP, Silverstone

when he was a youth and the next Italian driver. There's team principal Toto Wolff hopes Antonelli will develop into F1's next superstar.

He'll become only the second Italian driver to race in the sport since the end of 2011. Ferrari is the national team of Italy but Bologna-born Antonelli isn't worried about being overshadowed by Hamilton or forgotten by his compatriots.

He added: "The Tifosi, you know, they have a really strong passion for Ferrari.

Jul 25-27 - Belgian GP, Spa Aug 1-3 - Hungarian GP, Budapest Aug 29-31 - Dutch GP, Zandvoort Sep 5-7 - Italian GP, Monza Sep 19-21 - Azerbaijan GP, Baku Oct 3-5 - Singapore GP, Singapore Oct 17-19 - USA GP, Austin Oct 24-26 - Mexican GP, Mexico City Nov 7-9 - Brazilian GP, Sao Paulo Nov 20-22 - Las Vegas GP, Las Vegas Nov 28-30 - Qatar GP, Lusail Dec 5-7 - Abu Dhabi GP, Yas Marina

"But they're very excited for

a lot of hype around already, I think it's great.

"There's such a positive energy and I'm really looking forward to racing also in my two home races.

"Many people are very excited and it's going to be great. I don't really feel shadow. We'll see how things go."

Hopes are high for his longterm future but Wolff has been keen to manage expectations of the teen in his first season.

And Antonelli says he has no tangible target for his first year as an F1 driver.

He said: "Of course, the mindset is always going to be the same - trying to go on track and win and do the best job possible.

"But you have to be realistic at the same time. We'll see where we end up."

### Norris: No excuses

LANDO NORRIS insists McLaren have "no excuses" for failing to taste F1 success this year.

McLaren head into the new campaign as teams' defending champions.

But Norris missed out on the drivers' crown last year with Max Verstappen too strong en route to a

fourth-straight crown. The Brit heads into the new season as title favourite and he said: "After last year, we have no excuses.

'We proved we have everything it takes to fight at the top and be the best. If we're not, at the beginning of the season, we're just not good enough."



RACE CALENDAR

**TITLE FAVOURITE Norris** 

### Max: Lew a threat

MAX VERSTAPPEN believes his old rival Lewis Hamilton could be "reborn" at Ferrari.

The man who denied Hamilton that eighth crown in 2021 knows he's still a threat.

Verstappen said: 'When you've been with a team a long time, you've

won a lot and then you have a tough season, maybe your motivation is a bit different? It's also a bit like being reborn."

But his Red Bull boss Christian Horner said: "It's very much how he goes into it. If he doesn't get off to a good start, it'll inevitably be harder for him."

# RECORD RACING Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

# I'M GOING FOR GOLD

CRACKING GOLD (8.00) can sparkle for Clive Cox in the Smartview Racecards Handicap at Kempton.

The four-year-old returned with a superb second to Symbol Of Light in a strong event at Southwell.

The gelding goes well here so he can put that effort to good use for his ultra-shrewd connections.

EL HIBRI (4.25) can keep Ian Williams' bandwagon rolling in the opening sprint

BY GARRY OWEN

handicap. The gelding continued his revival with a fine second to Brunel Charm over track and trip. The sixyear-old remains fairly treated so he should go one better in this weaker contest.

GRENHAM BAY (7.30) can land the odds for Andrew Balding in the Acca Boost Handicap.

The sprinter ran another stormer when hammering

Hierarchy over course and distance. That race is working out well so the gelding can defy a 5lb hike for his thriving handler.

BRUCE BANNER (8.30) can terrify the bookmakers for Ollie Šangster in the lucky last.

The gelding signed off for Gary Brown by outbattling Gemmari in a similar event here. The bay is unexposed over 1m 4f so he can shrug off a 1lb rise for his new vard.

FARMER JIMMY (3.20) can

plough through his rivals in the staying hurdle at Doncaster.

Mark Walford's horse relished tackling 2m 4f when slamming Royal Rhythm at Wetherby. The gelding was staying on strongly so he can extend his trainer's excellent run up in trip.

**BENMORE** (4.33) can rise to the challenge for Luca Morgan in the Livescore Bet Hurdle.

The gelding ended his novice campaign with a solid third to The Gray Ghost at Newcastle.

progress over 2m 4f so he can cash in on a fair opening mark. VALENCE D'AUMONT

(5.03) can take the handicap chase for Team Parkinson & Smith. The gelding still lurks on a lively mark after chinning Kings Justice at Catterick.

THE HARDEST GEEZER (3.35) looks lethal for Hobbs & White in the two-miler at Ludlow.



**SMART TONE** Trainer Cox

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NO QUESTIONS ASKED BOLD RECRUIT

3.05 SACRE COEUR THE HARDEST GEEZER KELCE

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DUNSTALL RAMBLER STONE'S THROW

GARRY'S DOUBLE: CRACKING GOLD (NAP, 8.00 Kempton) & Bruce Banner (8.30 Kempton).

### **2.00** EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £4,357 (10 run) 1m 7f 169yds

8 94 AMBERELLI (253) M Keighley 5 10-9 S Twiston-Davies 9 0 KERSHAW COUNTY (50) H Daly 5 10-9 S Twiston-Davies — 10 680 THE DANCING LASS (26) Mrs M Rowley 5 10-9 C Deutsch — BETTING: 1-3 No Questions Asked, 7-2 John Barbour, 14 Tracking Treasure, 25 Welcheston Warrier, 33 Following Chapter, Kershaw County, Falcao, Amberelli, 100

2024: No corresponding race.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED 11-1 (11-5, Ben Jones) Raced keenly in closer3rd on inside, went 2nd between last two, ridden to lead short run-in, headed towards finish, 2nd of 6, 1/2l behind Califet En Vol (11-5) at Huntingdon 2m 4 Histed nov hdl (1) gs 4m 50.30s CAPTAIN TRIGGER 80-1 (10-13, Charlie Price) Always in near, awkward 6th, mistake 3 out, pushed along and tailed of before 2 out, last of 6, 49l behind Laganhill (11-8) at Bangoron-Dee 2m 11 NH nov hdl (4-7yo,) 3s 14 m 1188s.

FALCAO 16-1 (11-4, Adam Wedge) Held up towards rear, some headway over 3f out, soon weakened, last of 7, 34l behind Glantsgrave (11-4) at Flos Las 2m NH flat (5) sti In Jan 4m 10-30s.

in Jan 4m 10.90s.

FOLLOWING CHAPTER 40-1 (11-2, C Gethings) Limited comments due to poor visibility, chased leaders, struggling before 3 out, 5th of 10, 34l behind Carismatic Soldier (11-2) al Chepstow 2m NH nov hall (4-7yo) (4) hvy in Jan 4m 20.30s.

JOHN BARBOUR 3-1 (11-8, Fern O'Brien) Mid-division on outside, keen early, headway almost upsides 6f out, pushed along and outpaced over 2f out, plugged on final furlong, 4th of 12, 4 1/2l behind Nazare (11-3) at Huntingdon 2m cond NH flat (5) gs in Jan 50.01e.

3m 56.30s.

WELCHESTON WARRIER, did not finish, 28-1 (11-2, R Patrick) Mid-division, no chance with leaders from 3 out, brought down last, in a race won by Juby Ball (11-9) at Chepstow 2m nh nov hdl (4) stt, 12 ran 4m 19.70s.

AMBERELL 16-61 (110-5, S Bowen) Rear mid-division, reminders 7th, plugged on for remote 4th, 4th of 14, 32l behind Catchim (11-4) at Southwell 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gd in his Fig. 10.38 (20).

Jun 5m 03.69s.

KERSHAW COUNTY 50-1 (11-2, Alice Stevens) Mid-division, pushed along over 3f out, no response, 10th of 13, 29l behind A Path To Ronda (11-5) at Uttoxeter 2m NHF (5) gs

in Dec 4m 22.67s.
THE DANCING LASS 400-1 (11-3, Charlie Deutsch) Prominent, lost place after 4 out, tailed off, 10th of 12, well behind George's Lad (11-10) at Doncaster 2m 3f nh mdn hdl

### **TOP TEAM'S TIPS**

### **MERIDIAN'S YANKEE**

EL HIBRI (4.25 KEMPTON),

**BRUCE BANNER** (8.30 KEMPTON).

BENMORE (4.33 DONCASTER),

VALENCE D'AUMONT (5.03 DONCASTER).

### **KLONDYKE**

**CRACKING GOLD** (8.00 KEMPTON),

THE HARDEST GEEZER (3.35 LUDLOW), FARMER JIMMY (3.20 DONCASTER).

**ROCKAVON** (of the Sunday Mail) **GRENHAM BAY** (7.30 KEMPTON).

TOP TRAINERS: Fergal O'Brien 25-148 (16.9%), Henry Daly 23-113 (20.4%), Venetia Williams 20-90 (22.2%), Nigel Twiston-Davies 20-129 (15.5%), Alastair Ralph 18-107 (16.8%), Nicky Henderson 15-91 (16.5%), Evan Williams 14-128 (10.9%), Dan Skelton 13-103 (12.6%), Paul Nicholls 12-52 (23.1%), P Hobbs & J White 12-61 (19.7%).

TOP JOCKEYS: Sam Twiston-Davies 23-152 (15.1%), Jonathan

Burke 19-109 (17.4%), Nico De Boinville 12-58 (20.7%), Richard Patrick 11-77 (14.3%), Tom Cannon 10-38 (26.3%), Adam Wedge 9-85 (10.6%), Stan Sheppard 9-32 (28.1%), Harry Cobden 9-49 (18.4%), Sean Bowen 7-51 (13.7%), Miss Gina Andrews 7-11 (63.6%).

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BOLD RECRUIT 15-8 (11-4, G Sheehan) Midfield, pushed along before 3 out, headway to chase leaders before 2 out, not fluent last, stayed on run-in, not reach leaders, 3rd of 8 2 1/4l behind Jail No Bail (11-4) at Plumpton 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gs in Dec 5m 22.00s. DOCTOR MIDAS 33-1 (11-4, Paul O'Brien) in touch, shaken up 4 out, pushed along next, ridden and some headway approaching 2 out, badly hampered last, not recover, 5th of 12, 31l behind Reallyntruthfully (11-4) at Warwick 2m 5f mdn hdl (4) gs in Dec 5m 26 74's.

25.71s. E**L STRAND** 14-1 (10-9, Ben Bromley) **Held up towards rear, headway approaching 1, kept on same pace and no impression run-in, went modest 4th towards finish,** 4th 3, 25l behind Prophesea (11-0) at Wincanton 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) gs in Dec 4m

59.50s.

LOCH FRISA 11-1 (11-10, Ben Jones) Off the pace in 4th, lost place 8th and reminders, weakened soon after, went remote 4th again post, 4th of 6, 35l behind Serious Challenge (11-10) at Plumpton 2m 4f mdn hold (1) still n Jan 5m 19.34s.

PIKE ROAD 5-1 (11-0, Daire James McCorville) Mid-division, headway 8th, hit 2 out, no extra towards finish, 5th of 8, 4l behind Crossing The Bar (11-8) at Catterick 3m 1f hcp hold 1-120 (4) still n Jan 6m 34 60s.

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QUEENSLAND BOY 20-1 (9-9, David Probert) Chased leaders, went 2nd over 4f out until over 11 out, soon weakened, 6th of 8, 14l behind Albert Lasker (9-2) at Southwell 1m 6f hcp 0-58 (6) in Dec (flat) 3m 06.23s.

SWIFT JET 300-1 (11-7, Finn Lambert) Soon in touch in mid-division, not much room 4 out, effort before 3 out, no impression 2 out, 5th of 12, 9l behind George's Lad (11-10) at Doncaster 2m 3f nh mdn hdl (3) gs in Jan 4m 53.20s.

# 3.05 FINNEGAN AMBASSADOR MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (3) Winner £6,865 (8 run) 2m 4f 11yds 1 212P42 SACRE COEUR (25) D Skelton 9 12-0 (C,D)...... H Atkins (7) 130 2 32-41U GAME ON FOR GLORY (33) (P) L Wadham 9 11-9 (CD).... 10 Constant 10 5

2024: No corresponding race.

SACRE COEUR 7-2 (11-7, Harry Alkins) Led, ridden before omitted 2 out, soon headed narrowly, stayed on, no extra final 110 yards on flat, 2nd of 4, 1/2l behind Lime Drop (10-11) at Ultoxeter 2m mrs hcp chs (3) gs in Jan 4m 14-70s.

GAME ON FOR GLORY, did not finish, 10-1 (11-5, H Cobden) Midfield, jinked and unseated rider 8th, in a race won by Panic Attack (11-4) at Windsor 2m 4f hcap ch (2) stf in Jan. 7 ran 5m 14.39s.

HAPPY D'EX 200-1 (11-13, Sean Houlihan) Held up, pushed along 5 out, mistake next, ridden and headway 2 out, weakened before mat, 6th of 12, 23l behind La Malmason (12-1) at Cheltenham 2m 5f (3) stf in Dec 23 5m 21.39s.

HEREWEGOHONEY, did not finish, 20-1 (11-3, Jack Hogan) Held up in rear, pulled up 14th, in a race won by O'Connell (11-2) at Market Rasen 3m 4f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gs in Dec, 9 ran 7m 1708s.

Poec, 9 ran 7m 1708s.

REGAL RENAISSANCE 16-1 (11-5, David Bass) Soon tracking winner, hit 12th and lost 2nd, weakened quickly before next, tailed off, 6th of 11, 33 behind Telepathique (12-3) at Fakenham 2m 5f (2) gd in Jan 5m 32.00s.

OSTRAWA DU BERLAIS 9-1 (10-13, Ned Fox) Mid-division on inside, losing place when not much room 12th, soon behind, tailed off, 7th of 11, 36l behind Telepathique (12-3) at Fakenham 2m 5f (2) gd in Jan 5m 32.00s.

CURRENT MOOD 11-2 (10-13, Miss Eleanor Williams) Led or disputed lead until before 3 out, no extra next, 4th of 6, 9l behind Looking As You Are (11-13) at Ludlow 2m 5f mares hop hdl 0-125 (3) gs 5m 25.20s.

RIVER ROBE 22-1 (10-4, James best) Chased leaders on inside, took keen hold, lost place before 3 out, 7h of 8, 16l behind Looking As You Are (11-13) at Ludlow 2m 5f mares hop hdl 0-125 (3) gs 5m 25.20s.

GOING: Good to Soft-Soft in places.

COURSE: Right-handed oval course of 1m 4f, nine fences per circuit, 450yd run-in. Hurdle course is undulating and runs

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last

10 years): None. 1ST TIME BLINKERS: 4.43 Glimpse Of Glory, Seren Y Teigr. CHEKPIECES: 2.30 Queensland Boy\*, 3.05 Current Mood\*, Game On For Glory, 4.10 Back On The Lash, Balkardy, Kelce, 4.43 Hazard Collonges, Voix De Bocelli, 5.13 Zacony Rebel.

### 3.35 MICHAEL LUMSDEN MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,753 (9 run) 1m 7f 169yds

1 17-451 THE HARDEST GEEZER (42) (H) P Hobbs & .

7 /526-8 WASTHATOK (15) (H,T) Kerry Lee 7 11-3. L Harrison 107
8 1927-6 RASCAL (265) T R George 7 11-1. J J Burke 105
9 1PR CONTINUANCE (64) (H) M Keighley 4 10-3. S Bowen 105
BETTING: 5-2 Leloopa, 10-3 The Hardest Geezer, 5 Chief Sunday, Continuance, 8
Moon Chime, 12 Rascal, Thankyourluckystar, 25 Hors Jeu, Wasthatok. 2024: No corresponding race.

VIVOUR LIMITHE, 12 HISSGIL, INDRINGOUTIUCKYSTAIT, 25 HORS JEU, Wasthatlok.

2024: No corresponding race.

THE HARDEST GEEZER 5-4fav (11-8, Sean Houlihan) Chased leader on inside, goin well home turn, ridden to lead 2 out, hard pressed last, clear final 100 yards, stayed on well, won at Taunion 2m mdn hdt (4) sit in Jan beating High Fibre (11-8) by 1 3/41, 12 ran 4m 15.198.

ran 4m 15.19s.

MOON CHIME 9-4 (11-13, Nick Slatter) Chased leaders, not fluent 2nd, mistake 4 out, pressed leader 3 out, ridden after 2 out and weakened before last, 4th of 10, 15l behind Slugger (11-11) at Carlisle 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-115 (4) gs in Nov 4m 21.53s.

HORS JEU, did not finish, 66-1 (11-12, R Patrick) Never going well and always in rear, tailed off and pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Boyles Hill (10-10) at Chepstow 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-125 (3) hvy in Jan, 11 ran 5m 10.60s.

CHIEF SUNDAY 7-1 (11-7, Mr Toby) McCain-Mitchell) Close up, shaken up to challenge after 2 out, ridden to lead narrowly approaching last where not fluent, all out towards finish, just held on, won at Hereford 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) sft in Jan beating Lanesborough (11-6) by hd, 11 ran 4m 06.82s.

1-4fav (11-2, Tom Broughton) Made all, clear before last, easily, won at 2m mrs nov hdl (4) gd in Nov beating A Little Something (10-11) by 7l, 6

ran 3m 56.30s.

THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR 7-1 (11-11, Tabitha Worsley) Tracked leaders, not fluent 5th, pushed along before 2 out, soon ridden along, weakened before last, 6th of 11, 9l behind Chief Sunday (11-7) at Hereford 2m hop hdl 0-110 (4) sti in Jan 4m 06.8s, 6th of 11, 9l behind WASTHATOK 80-1 (11-6, R Patrick) Held well off the pace in rear, never involved, 8th of 14, 25l behind Saint Anapolino (11-12) at Tauntion 2m hop hdl 0-120 (4) sti 4m 18.30s.

RASCAL 15-2 (11-5, James Turner) Chased leaders, ridden before 2 out, no response, 6th of 9, 32l behind Jasmin De Grugy (11-5) at Flos Las 2m 4f hop hdl 0-110 (4) gd in May 4m 46.32s.

May 4m 46.32s. CONTINUANCE, did not finish, 11-4 (11-0, Daire James McConville) Led, going well when went left and ran out 2 out, in a race won by Bust A Move (11-0) at Catterick 2m 3yo hdl (4) gd in Dec, 11 ran 3m 48.00s.

### 4.10 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (3) Winner £7,450 (6 run) 2m 7f 171yde

BETTING: 5-4 Keloe, 4 Back On The Lash, Supervisor, 8 Balkardy, 10 Ballycamus Champagne Mystery.

2024: ROCKINASTORM 7 10 7, Miss Gina Andrews 13-8 Fav (H Daly), 6 ran. BALLYCAMUS, did not finish, 14-1 (11-8, Sam Twiston-Davies) Prominent, not fluent 3rd, ridden and weakened quickly before 3 out where dived, soon pulled up, in a race won by Hasthing (11-10) at Windson 2m 61 hop chs 0-130 (3) st in Jan, 14 ran 5m 53.36s. BACK ON THE LASH 12-1 (11-11, Daire James McCornville) Prominent, led after 3rd, headed 5th, led after next, headed 6th, led 9th, not fluent 16th, headed before 3 out, 3rd and no extra form 2 out, 3rd of 6, 111 behind Siberian Star (10-6) at Catterick 3m 1f ond hop chs 0-120 (4) gs in Jan 6m 35.70s.

CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY 25-1 (10-12) 14th of 15, well behind Glasgow Du Berlais (11-4) at Auteuil(FR) 2m 6f hop chs hoy in Nov., J Reveley) 5m 38.65s.

KELCE, did not finish, 15-8fav (10-11, C O'Farrell) Led, driven and pressed after 3 out, dear with winner when fell last, in a race won by O'Connell (11-2) at Market Rasen 3m 4f hop chs 0-130 (3) gs in Dec, 9 ran 7m 1708s.

SUPERVISOR, did not finish, 12-1 (10-6, Charlie Deutsch) Prominent, not fluent and unseated rider 1st, in a race won by Invincible Nao (10-13) at Plumpton 3m 4f hop chs 0-135 (3) st, 11 ran 7m 46.51s.

BALKARDY 14-1 (11-13, Isabel Williams) Mid-division, headway before 6th, not fluent next, lost place after 4 out, soon weakened, 7th of 9, 23l behind Finn Lough (11-12) at Southwell 3m hop ch 0-110 (4) gs 6m 37.50s.

TONGUE STRAPS: 2.00 John Barbour, 3.35 Hors Jeu, Leloopa, Wasthatok, 4.10 Champagne Mystery, 4.43 Haafback, 5.13 Halondo, Whatsupwithyou. (\*=1st time).

1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 3.35 Moon Chime, 4.43 Haafback.

1STTIME HOODS: 4.10 Champagne Mystery.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: Game On For Glory (3.05) trained at

Newmarket. Round trip of 314 miles. FAVOURITES: (2020-2025): 199 have won out of 492 races (40.4%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 8 have won out of 25 races (32.0%).

2m 4t hop 0-100 (b) gir in Oct 5m 03.87s.

DUNSTALL RAMBLER 15-2 (11-7, J ) Burke) Chased leaders out wide, not fluent and lost ground out, rallied before 2 out, went 2nd at the last, ridden to lead run-in, stayed on, won at Wincanton 2m nov hop che 0-100 (5) gs in Dec beating Universal Secret (10-12) by 11, 8 ran 4m 04.70s.

GLIMPSE OF GLORY 72 (11-12, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) Mid-division, mistake 7th, pushed along from 3 out, weakened 2 out, 7th of 16, 18l behind Miss Applejack (10-2) at South-well 2m 4th cph till 0-100 (5) gs in Dec 5m 40.70s.

VOIX DE BOCELLI 14-1 (12-0, B S Hughes) Chased leaders, went 2nd when not fluent 4th, lost 2nd next, outpaced before 2 out, weakened before last, 7th of 10, 18l behind Lady Babs (11-1) at Market Rasea 2m 11 hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs 4m 15.50s.

HAZARD COLLONGES 13-2 (11-3, Jack Hogan) Led, ridden and headed before last, weakened flat, 5th of 7, 7 Debrind We Got Your Back (10-13) at Catterick 2m nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) st in .lan 3m 5790s.

SERENYTEIGR, did not finish, 11-1 (10-8, Conor Ring) Chased leaders, not fluent 6th, ridden after not fluent 7th, 2 1/2 lengths last when fell 2 out, in a race won by Raffles Wonder (11-9) at Sedgefield 2m hcp chs 0-100 (5) st in van, 4 ran 4m 21.40s.

HAAFBACK 15-2 (10-3, James Best) Led, jumped slowly 5th (water), ridden and headed before 3 out, weakened rapidly, soon behind, tailed off, 7th of 8, 311 behind Dunstall ambler (11-7) at Wincanton 2m nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) gs in Dec 4m 0-170s.

### **5.13** BEHIND THE SCENES RACEDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m 5f 55yc 2m 5f 55yc

won by Boyles Hill (10-10) at Chepstow 2m 3n ncp nou betz (\$) my fit uses, it res \$\text{TINEOW}\$ 1-4 (11-6, S Bowen) Prominent, ridden and lost position before 2 out, kept on same pace approaching last, 4th of 12, 3dl behind Just A Rose (10-10) at Taunton 2m 3f nh mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan 4m 45.64s. Stanton 2m 3f nh mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan 4m 45.64s. Stanton 2m 3f nh mdn hdl (7) (17-6, Sam Tiwiston-Davies) Mid-division, pushed along to hold position 3 out, ridden approaching 2 out, kept on into 3rd run-in, not trouble leaders, 3rd of 10, 6l behind Guard Duty (11-12) at Windsor 2m 4f nov hcp hdl 0-125 (3) stil in \( \text{\$\text{

D'JO DELA BARRIERE 66-1 (11-7, Adam Wedge) Held up on outside, closed 5th, weakened before 2 out, 8th of 11, 22l behind Shantwopointfive (11-0) at Southwell 2m 4l

weakened before 2 out, 8th of 11, 22l behind Shantwopointfive (11-0) at Southwell 2m 4t hop hol 0-120 (4) gs 5m 20-40s.

ZACONY REBEL 80-1 (11-7, Miss. Jess Stewart) Mit-division, closed up at 5th, pushed along and pressed leaders 3 out, led before 2 out, headed last, no extra on flat, 5th of 8, 5l behind Solar System (11-9) at Ludlow 2m 5f (4) gs in Dee 5m 26.34s.

MIDNIGHT GINGER1 14-1 (10-13, Jay Tidbail) Chased leaders on inside, pushed along and no extra in 4th before 2 out, 4th of 11, 9l behind Boyles Hill (10-10) at Chepstow 2m 3f hop holl 0-125 (3) hny in Jan 5m 10.60s.

SAUNTON SURF, cid not firish, 11-2 (12-0, James Bowen) Led, headed 4th, prominent, ridden final bend, led after 3 out, headed 2 out, 2 lengths down when fell last, in a race won by Double Click (11-4) at Ffos Las 2m 4f hop holl 0-105 (5) sft in Jan, 9 ran 5m 26.80s.

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### DONCASTER SKY SPORTS RACING.

QUEENS WISH HIDALGO DE L'ISLE

3.20 FARMER IIMMY SUPER CITIZEN

**BENMORE** 

VALENCE D'AUMONT

QUEENS WISH (NAP) GLORY AND HONOUR FARMER IIMMY TOUCHWOODEXPRESS DIAMOND KODA

VALENCE D'AUMONT

GOING: Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to

TOP TRAINERS: Nicky Henderson 18-93 (19.4%), Donald McCain 17-129 (13.2%), O Greenall & J Guerriero 15-82 (18.3%), Nigel Twiston-Davies 15-73 (20.5%), Dan Skelton 12-114 (10.5%), Tim Easterby 12-274 (4.4%), Neil Mulholland 11-61 (18.0%), Nicky Richards 10-72 (13.9%), Charlie Longsdon 9-79 (11.4%), Nick Kent 5-28 (17.9%).

### 2-15 VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner

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WISH (34) D Skelton 6 11-5H S	kelton	_
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BETTING: Evens Queens Wish, 11-4 Calimystic, 4 Broderick, 10 Banderas, 25 Neptune House, 33 Kit The Christian.

2024: No corresponding meeting.

BRODERICK 7-2 (11-8, Sean Quinlan) Chased leaders, went 2nd after 4 out, 3 lengths down when left in clear lead and hampered 3 out, not fluent 2 out or last, reduced lead flat, ridden out, won at Newcastle 2m 1f mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan beating Zephlyn (11-8) by 2 1/2!, 9 ran 4m 13,09.8. Cam Hardie) Off the pace towards rear, good headway out wide over 1f out, strong run inside final furlong, led inside final 110 yards, all out, won at Wolverhampton 1m 6f hcp 0-75 (5) in Dec beating Green Team (9-4) by ns, 9 ran (113) am 04,17s.

wide over 1f out, strong run in the control at Wolverhampton in 6f hicp 0-75 (5) in Dec beating Green learn (1974) by 10-14 (18t) 3m 04-17s.

CALIMYSTIC 6-1 (1-10, James Bowen) Held up in mid-division, headway when mistake 3 out, mistake 2 out, close up last, unable 10 quicken, stayed on final 100 yards, went 2nd post, no impression on winner, 2nd of 12, 3 1/2l behind George's Lad (11-10) at Doncaster 2m 3f nh mdn hdl (3) gs in Jan 4m 53.20s.

KITTHE CHRISTIAN Getaway gelding out of Ballcrina Girl.

NEPTUNE HOUSE 125-1 (11-7, M G Nolan) Raced keenly and always towards rear, 8th of 9. 8l behind Bay Empress (11-0) at Wetherby 2m NH flat (5) sit 4m 02.80s.

QUEENS WISH 8-11fav (11-1, Harry Skelton) Made all, clear 3 out, stayed on well, easily, won at Newcastle 2m 1f mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan beating Forsa Bay (11-8) by 9l, 11 ran 4m 11.00s.

### 2.50 VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £4,700 (6 run) 2m 78yds

1 01242F HIDALGO DE L'ISLE (67) D McCain 8 12-0 (D)...B Hughes 120 2 773127 GLORY AND HONOUR (18) (T) S England 9 11-11 (C,D²). J

1 01242F HIDALGO DE L'ISLE (67) D McCain 8 12-0 (D) ... B Hughes 120 2 7P3127 GLORY AND HONOUR (18) (T) S England 9 11-11 (C,D²) ... J England117 3 357-3U GALLIC GEORDIE (18) S Drinkwater 12 11-6 (D²) ... N Fox (3) 112 4 212545 GOD'S OWN GETAWAY (106) D Skelton 7 11-6 ... H Skelton 112 5 311F/P SNOWY CLOUDS (67) N Richards 9 11-6 (D²) Sean Quinlan 112 6 742-25 TOMMY CULLEN (27) M Crawley 7 11-1 (BF,C) .....J Quinlan 107 BETTING: 10-3 God'S Own Getaway, 72 Gallic Geordie, 4 Hidalgo De Lisle, 9-2 Snowy Clouds, 6 Glory And Honour, Tommy Cullen.
HIDALGO DE LISLE, did not finish, 20-1 (11-4, B S Hughes) Off the pace in last pair, hampered by loose horse 4th, not fluent next, jumped badly left and hit wing 7th, tailed off and no chance when fell 3 out, in a race won by The Kalcoki Kid (11-7) at Doncaster 2m 3f nov heap of (3) gs in Dec. 9 ran 4m 43.3 no, land) Mid-division, pushed along after 5 out, soon in rear and outpaced, never dangerous after, 7th of 12, 31l behind Real Stone (11-1) at Wetherby 2m 3f hop chs 0-125 (3) st 5m 10-20s.
GALLIC GEORDIE, did not finish, 16-1 (10-13, Ned Fox) Off the pace in rear-division, bad mistake and unseated rider 10th, in a race won by Real Stone (11-11) at Wetherby 2m 3f hop chs 0-125 (3) st, 12 ran 5m 10-20s.
GOD'S OWN GETAWAY 10-3 (11-8, Harry Skelton) Towards rear, going okay 3 out, pushed along and headway 2 out, kept on flat, no extra towards finish, sh of (5, 11) behind Reavenous (11-7) at Warnick 2m 4f hop chs 0-120 (4) gd in Nov 5m 05:03s.
SNOWY CLOUDS, did not finish, 11-2 (11-10, Damry McMenamin) Close 3rd, tracked leader 2nd, pushed along and outpaced after 3 out, pushed along and new on by Stormin Crossgales (11-10) at Doncaster 2m hop chs 0-120 (4) gs in Dec. 9 ran 3 m 59.55s.
TOMMY CULLEN 11-4av (11-11), JM Quinlan) Raced in 5th on inside, pushed along and outpaced after 3 out, pushed along and beader 2nd, pushed along and outpaced after 3 out, pushe

16 OP-946 SKIN FULL (64) D Pipe 6 10-5 (BF) Judor 72
BETTING: 4 Farmer Jimmy, 5 Skin Full, 6 Lady Harriett, 8 Mackie Dee, Ca Plane Pour Moi, 10 Glory Hights, Lucky Soldier, 14 Jukebox Fury, So Ladylike, 16 Others.

### COURSE: A left-handed, pear-shaped course, approximately two miles in circumference, with 11 fences and a run-in of 240 yards. Apart from a slight hill 1m 2f from home the course is

TOP JOCKEYS: Brian Hughes 22-174 (12.6%), Sean Quinlan 13-91 (14.3%), Henry Brooke 12-67 (17.9%), Thomas Bellamy 11-86 (12.8%), James Bowen 9-64 (14.1%), Danny McMenamin 8-58 (13.8%), David Bass 8-36 (22.2%), Charlie Hammond 6-45 (13.3%), Harry Skelton 6-47 (12.8%), Jack Quinlan 6-55

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last

10 years): None.

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 3.20 Iturgeon Du Breuil, 3.58 Dusautior, Lady Pacifico, 5.03 Great Ballinboris.

CHEEKPIECES: 3.20 Alltalknoaction\*, Ca Plane Pour Moi, Lady Harriett, Toucan Sam, 3.58 Fairlawn Flyer, Getthepot, Super Citizen, Touchwoodexpress, 4.33 Lune De La Mer\*.

### 3.58 LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,248 (11 run) 3m 2f 1yds

5 P9P636 C'EST QUELQU'UN (24) A B Hamilton 8 11-6 ... A Doyle (5) 92 6 5533P7 DUSAUTIOR (16) (B',T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 7 11-5 (BF)...

7 2PP-54 UNBLINKING (51) (T) R Bevis 12 11-2 F Lambert (3) 88 8 -88910 GETTHEPOT (136) (PT) D & G McPherson 10 11-1 . K Woods 87 9 14805 JAMESIECONN (53) (T) S England 6 11-1 J England 87 10 946-6P STREAMSFORTH LAD (14) (T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 7 10-8 Doubtful 80

BETTING: 3 Super Citizen, 4 Touchwoodexpress, 9-2 Dusautior, 7 Jamesieconn, 15-2 Fairlawn Flyer, 10 Unblinking, Jessie Lightloot, Getthepot, 20 Others.

8 -2073P MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (27) (T') R Hobson 6 11

9 06-330 IMPERIAL JADE (64) C Longsdon 6 10-13 (BF)........ D Bass 94
BETTING: 10-3 Diamond Koda, 9-2 Gwennie May Star, 5 Benmore, 11-2 Reforme, 8
Maxiboy Dagrostis, Scots Poet, Imperial Jade, 14 Lune De La Mer, 16 Kally Des Bruy-

eres.

DIAMOND KODA 5-1 (12-0, Charlie Hammond) Held up in mid-division, not fluent 5th or 6th, headway from 7th, stayed on flat, went 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 12, 3/4l behind Komedy Kicks (11-13) at Catterick 2m 3f hop holl 0-110 (4) gs in Jan 4m 4750s.

BENMORE 5-1 (11-10, B S Hughes) Led until slow 1st, led before 2nd, not fluent and headed 3rd, led next, not fluent 5th, headed before 3 out, 3rd and no impression before last, 3rd of 10, 8l behind The Gray Ghost (11-10) at Newcastle 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gs in Lan 5m 07246.

Jan 5m 0740s.

LUNE DE LA MER, did not finish, 10-1 (10-10, Ben Smith) Mid-division, not fluent 1st, pushed along and dropped away after 4 out, pulled up, in a race won by Jilaijone (11-13) at Uttoxeler 2m 4f hop holl 0-120 (4) gs in Jan, 9 ran 5m 18.23s.

SCOTS POET 9-2 (11-8, Craig Nichol) Mid-division, driven before 3 out, weakened 2 out, 10th of 15, 24l behind Bashful (11-2) at Musselburgh 2m hop holl 0-110 (4) gs 3m 20-20-20.

out, 10th of 15, 24l behind Bashiui (11-2) at wissessing.

REPORME 16-1 (11-9, Joshua Thompson) Held up in touch, ridden before 2 out, went 2nd flat, no impression on winner, kept on, 2nd of 9, 3 1/2! behind Quian (10-12) at Catterick 2m 3 flop holl 0-100 (5) st in Jan 4m 50.50s.

GWENNIE MAY STAR 12-1 (11-3, Harry Skelton) Held up in rear on outside, headway before 6th, outpaced final bend, rallied from 3 out, led last, hung left flat, stayed on, won at Newcastle 2m 1f hop holl 0-105 (5) gs in Jan beating Soldier's Leap (10-10) by 3/4l, 11 ran 4m 13.90s.

at Newcastle 2m 1f hop hdl 0-105 (5) gs in Jan beating Soldiers Leap (10-10) by 5-m, 11 ran 4m 13.90s.

KALLY DES BRUYERES, did not finish, 14-1 (12-0, Theo Gillard) Mid-division, struggling and dropped towards rear home turn, pulled up after 3 out, in a race won by Mister Smarty (9-11) at Newcastle 2m 1f hop hdl 0-100 (5) gs in Dec, 12 ran 4m 16.50s.

MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS, did not finish, 11-2 (12-0, Danny McMenamin) in touch in mid-division, lost place after 8th, pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Airs Spray (11-3) at Wetherby 2m 4f hop hdl 0-100 (5) st in Jan, 16 ran 5m 25.30s.

IMPERIAL JADE 5-2/av (11-1, Lily Pinchin) Chased leaders, pushed along home turn, weakened before 2 out, tailed off, 10th of 11, 371 behind Love Of Neymore (11-10) at Wincanton 2m 4f mares hop hdl 0-110 (4) gs in Dec 5m 04.44s.

### 5.03 LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,248 (7 run) 2m 4f 115yds

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4.25 UNIBET SUPPORT SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP (RIDER RESTRICTED RACE) (DIV 1) (6) Winner £3,140 (9 run) 6f

RESTRICTED RACE) (DIV 1) (6) Winner £3,140 (9 run) 6f

1 (8) 07968- ROMAN EMPEROR (98) (P) J Ryan 4 9-9 (D) ... Laura Pearson 60

2 (2) 430-9 ZEPPARELLA (35) W Muir & C Grassick 4 9-9 ... Laura Pearson 60

3 (4) 000-06 MOND (30) (H) C Wallis 7 9-8 ... J Haynes 59

4 (7) 480-32 EL HIBRI (30) I Williams 6 9-7 (CD) ... R Kavanagh (5) 58

5 (3) 827-44 SMASHER (22) (P) M Altwater 5 9-5 (D<sup>3</sup>) ... W Carson 56

6 (9) 7463-7 THE COLA KID (7) (B,T) G Harris 8 9-3 (CD) ... J Peate 51

7 (6) 79-346 PHOENIX STAR (18) (P) J Macey 9-90 (CD<sup>3</sup>) ... J Peate 51

8 (1) 6293-8 DON'T FIGHT IT (35) (B) J & S Best 5 8-9 .. A Brookes (3) 45

9 (5) 430-74 LUPSET FLOSSY POP (9) (P) G Brown 5 8-9 (D) ... Waren Fentiman (7) 44

BETTING: 15-8 El Hibri, 4 Smasher, 5 Phoenix Star, 13-2 Roman Emperor, 8 The Cola Kid, 10 Lupset Flossy Pop, 16 Mond, 20 Don't Fight It, 25 Zepparella.

Kid, 10 Lupset Flossy Pop, 16 Mond, 20 Don't Fight It, 25 Zepparella. 2024: No corresponding meeting.

### 4.55 UNIBET SUPPORT SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP (RIDER RESTRICTED RACE) (DIV 2) (6) Winner £3,140 (8 run) 6f 1 (3) 568/03 MIGHTY GURKHA (30) (B) T Faulkner 7.9-9 (CD<sup>2</sup>).......

Ethan Jones (5) 46 8 (2) 09-869 MIDNIGHTATTHEOASIS (25) (P) P McEntee 5 8-9 (D)... Grace McEntee 45

BETTING: 5-2 Mighty Gurkha, 3 Man On A Mission, 4 Arlecchino's Gift, 6 Kento, 13-2 Shalaa Asker, 16 Radiant Angel, Tilsworth Turf, 25 Midhightattheoasis.

### 5.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (RIDER RESTRICTED RACE) (GBB RACE) (5) Winner £4,320 (7 run)

1	(4)	0 WILD NEPHIN (8) R Potter 6 10-2 Jordan Williams (5)	
2	(2)		
3	(3)		
4	(6)	5-34 MASSIMO BLUE (6) P McEntee 3 9-1 Grace McEntee	
	(1)		
6	(7)	232-36 <b>TARGET MAN</b> (19) (B',T) G Boughey 3 9-1	
		Warren Fentiman (7)	Ī

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12 Dr Ali, Mister Knockout, 14 Dovey Moon, 16 Berning Hot.

6.30 UNIBET ZERO% MISSION RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (DIV 1) (5) Winner £4,320 (10 run)

7f

1 (10) EMERALD DOWNS (T) Lemos Souza 3 8-13...F Larson —
BENNY THE BOUNCER MAttwater 3 8-11... T Greatrex —
FULFORD CROSS D M Simcock 3 8-11.... J Haynes —
PAPA OSCAR (H) Harry Charlton 3 8-11.... D Costello —
5 (5) 3 - LUNANOVA (50) (H) A Perrett 3 8-8... Jack Dace (7) —
6 (2) 7 METAMORA (20) S C Williams 3 8-8... Laura Pearson —
WISE STARS B Millman 3 8-8... G Wood —
7 (3) 4 CHAMPAGNE BELLE (47) P Chamings 3 8-6... Heard —
9 (9) 9 MIRAFLORES (21) R Cook & J Bridger 3 8-6... Grace McEntee —
10 (8) 8-THREE ON THURSDAY (218) D Cunha 3 8-6...

8-THREE ON THURSDAY (218) D Cunha 3 8-6. 10 (8) Ethan Jones (5)

BETTING: 13-8 Papa Oscar, 11-2 Lunanova, 6 Champagne Belle, 15-2 Fulford Cross, 8 Wise Stars, Emerald Downs, 10 Three On Thursday, 16 Benny The Bouncer, 33 Others.

587-TUCO SALAMANCA (117) Ollie Sangster 3 8-11N Currie 61 42-53 ENCHANTED WAY (12) (B) A Watson 3 8-8..... 6 (4) 7 (1) 8 (7) 9 (10) 

### GARRY OWEN

EL HIBRI MIGHTY GURKHA 4.55 5.30

RAJWA PENELOPE VALENTINE 6.30 LUNANOVA 7.00 7.30 ENCHANTED WAY

**GRENHAM BAY** 

MIGHTY GURKHA RAJWA PARTY BEAR PAPA OSCAR MAGNA GRECIA STAR

**EL HIBRI** 

SHALLOW CRACKING GOLD (NAP)

BRUCE BANNER (NB)

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impression, soon weakened, 6th of 7, 8t behind Many A Star (9-8) at Wolverhampton 6 heap (4) in Jan 1m 13.34s.

INVINCIBLE SPEED 16-1 (9-10, Edward Greatrex) Chased leaders, went 2nd over 4f out, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten, weakened over 1f out, last of 7, 17t behind Many A Star (9-8) at Wolverhampton 6f heap (4) in Jan 1m 13.34s.

GRENHAM BAY 10-3fav (9-5, Oisin Murphy) Made all, clear 4f out, stayed on, unchallenged, won at Kempton 6f hep 0-75 (5) pol beating Hierarchy (9-6) by 1 1/2l, 10 ran 1m 1193s.

1m 11.93s. HIATUS 14-1 (9-6, Connor Planas) Chased winner, ridden over 2f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 10, 2 1/4l behind Grenham Bay (9-5) at Kempton 6f hcp

final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 10, 21/41 behind Grenham Bay (9-5) at Kempton 6f hcp 0-75 (5) pol 1m 11.93s.

G'DAY MATE 10-1 (9-3, Rossa Byan) Soon off the pace in last trio, never on terms, 5th of 8, 4 1/2l behind Dashing Harry (9-3) at Lingfield 5f hcp 0-80 (4) pol 58.33s.

G'DAAY 11-1 (9-8, J Mitchell) Held up towards rear, outpaced over 21 out, kept on final 50 yards, never dangerous, 6th of 10, 5l behind Grenham Bay (9-5) at Kempton 6f hcp 0-75 (5) pol 1m 11.93s.

### 8.00 TRY UNIBET'S NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP (RIDER RESTRICTED RACE) (3) Winner £8,374 (9 run) 1m

In 38,20s.

CRACKING GOLD 2-ffav (9-2). Rossa Ryan) Took keen hold in touch, headway 2f out, soon ridden, went 2nd towards finish, no chance with winner, 2nd of 12, 4l behind Symbol Of Light (9-8) al Southwell 1m hcp 0-95 (3) 1m 41.65s.

SILENT MOVE 33-1 (9-7, Billy Garritty) Chased leaders, ridden over 1f out, losing place when badly hampered inside final furlong, eased, last of 16, 12l behind Aplarist (9-9) at Chelmsbrd City 1m hcp (0-90) (3) pol in Jan 1m 35.62s.

BRASIL POWER 13-2 (9-9, Fred Daly) Held up in rear, pushed along 2f out, headway over 1f out, kept on final furlong, went third final strides, 3rd of 9, 3/4l behind Follow Your Heart (9-6) at Kempton 7f app hcap (4) pol 1m 26.98s.

ROAD TO WEMBLEY 28-1 (9-4, David Probert) Raced wide tracking leaders, weakened quickly over 2f out, last of 9, 21l behind Destructive (9-9) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcap (3) in Jan 1m 4721s.

RHYTHM N ROCK 28-1 (8-12, Kaiya Fraser) Slowly into stride, off the pace in last pair never involved, last of 12, 17l behind Dembe (8-13) at Lingfield 1m hcap (3) pol in Jan

Im 3790s.

ZOFFANDIA 25-1 (10-2, Josephine Gordon) Off the pace in mid-division, headway out wide over 1f out, plugged on inside final furlong, eased when well held in 4th towards finish, 4th of 9, 10 behind Quai De Bethune (8-10) at Kempton 1m mdn siks (5) pol in Jan 1m 38-50s.

### 8.30 HANDICAP (RIDER RESTRICTED RACE) (6) (3-Y-O) Winner 1m 3f 219yds

### **RACING RESULTS**

MARKET RASEN
Going: Good to soft-soft in places
1.50: 1, LUNDI NOIR (S Sheppard) 11-10 Fav; 2, Wallquatari 10-3; 3, Miners Gamble 13-2. 8 ran. 4l, ½l. (T Lacey). Tote: Win £2.10; Pl£1.10, £1.30, £1.30. Exacta: £5.80. Trifecta: £22.70. CSF: £5.21.

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2.20: 1, BLUEY (B R Jones) evens JtFav; 2, Siog Geal evens JtFav; 3, Future Fortune 9-1.5 ran. 7½1, 81. (E Lavelle). Tote: Win £2.00; PI £1.10, £1.10. Exacta: £2.30. Trifecta: £2.70. CSF: £2.38.
2.50: 1, CAMINO ROCIO (S Bowen) 3-1; 2, Mythe Bridge 6-1; 3, Jessmae 7-2. Also: 7-4 Fav Express Surprise. 6 ran.

6-1; 3, Jessmae 7-2. Also: 7-4 Fav Express Surprise. 6 ran. 4¼l, 6½l, (J & S Best). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.80, £2.60. Exacta: £15.60. Trifecta: £56.90. CSF: £19.67. NR: Groom De Cotte.

3.20: 1, MISS CYNTHIA (T Cannon) 11-4; 2, Lavida Adiva 11-8 Fav; 3, Gilbertina 9-2. 6 ran. ¾l, 3l. (L Wadham). Tote: Win £3.75; Pl £1.60, £1.30. Exacta: £7.10. Trifecta: £20.40. CSF: £6.97.

3.52: 1, BURROWS HALL (D McManamin) 2 1: 2 Pct.

CSF: £6.97. **3.52:** 1, BURROWS HALL (D McMenamin) 2-1; 2, Belvedere Blast 9-2; 3, Geordie Night 13-8 Fav. 7 ran. 1½1, 9l.

(J Parkinson & S Smith). Tote: Win £3.00; PI £1.70, £2.30. Exacta: £10.90. Trifecta: £24.20. CSF: £12.36. 4.27: 1, CAPTAIN IVAN (Craig Nichol) 8-1; 2, Onesoc evens Fav; 3, Ballywood 8-1.5 ran. 1½l, 5l. (Ewan Whillans). Tote: Win £9.00; PI £2.70, £1.10. Exacta: £18.50. Trifecta: £59.20. CSF: £17.42.

Tote: Win £9.00; Pl £2.70, £1.10. Exacta: £18.50. Trifecta: £59.20. CSF: £17.43.

5.02: 1, UN SENS A LA VIE (S Twiston-Davies) 5-2; 2, Espresso Milan 4-1; 3, Forward Thinking evens Fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 3½l, (N Twiston-Davies). Tote: Win £3.50; Pl £1.60, £1.60. Exacta: £10.90. Trifecta: £15.70. CSF: £12.25.

Placepot: £13.10. Quadpot: £9.70.

TAUNTON
Going: Good to soft-soft in places
2.05: 1, HOLESHOT (A Johns) 5-2; 2, Don't Tell Rosie 5-1; 3, Mahler Moon 8-1. Also: 13-8 Fav Ask Me Another. 8 ran. 71, 151. (T Vaughan). Tote: Win £3.50; Pl £1.30, £1.60, £2.20. Exacta: £16.80. Tricast: £88.88. Trifecta: £83.10. CSF: £16.50. 2.35: 1, CORNISH STORM (D Noonan) 5-6 Fav; 2, Blacksamssenorita 10-3; 3, Public Enemy 13-2, 9 ran. 2¼l, 5½l. (W Kittow). Tote: Win £1.84; Pl £1.10, £1.10, £1.70. Exacta: £4.60. Trifecta: £17.10. CSF: £4.05. NR: Pretty Punctual,

The Goose, Zaochen Enki.

3.05: 1, DUFFRY TRIXS (H Bannister) 10-1; 2, Devon Dude 11-2; 3, The Final Word evens Fav. 12 ran. nk, 15l. (R Bandey). Tote: Win £14.20; Pl £2.70, £1.80, £1.20. Exacta: £66.30. Tirifecta: £151.20. CSF: £62.33.

3.35: 1, CAMULUS (C Deutsch) 2-1 Fav; 2, Safe Destination 5-1; 3, Exmoor Forest 7-2. 8 ran. £2kl, 1¾l. (V Williams). Tote: Win £3.10; Pl £1.30, £1.60, £1.30. Exacta: £13.90. Tricast: £33.75. Trifecta: £36.20. CSF: £13.55.

4.10: 1, LUTTRELL LAD (C lies) 4-1; 2, Aurigny Mill 15-8 rav; 3, Lian 85-40. 6 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. (T Lacey). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £1.90, £1.50. Exacta: £12.50. Trifecta: £26.70. CSF: £12.44. NR: Out Of Office.

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NR: Out of Office.

4.45: 1, SHEARER (Miss Olive Nicholls) 4-11 Fav; 2, Haven't Time 8-1; 3, Didero Valilis 25-1. 7 ran. 1¼l, 8½l. (P Nicholls). Tote: Win £1.37; Pl £1.10, £2.40. Exacta: £4.10. Trifecta: £25.00. CSF: £4.19. NR: Lakota Warrior, Viva Lavilla.

Placepot: £9.10. Quadpot: £3.60.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: Standard

Going: Standard 4.20: 1, ANGEL OF RAIN (G Wood) 9-1; 2, Enola Holmes

8-13 Fav; 3, Nad Alshiba Rain 18-1. 11 ran. ns, 1l. (James Horton). Tote: Win £10.00; Pl £2.00, £1.10, £3.80. Exacta: £18.10. Trifecta: £119.80. CSF: £15.70. NR: Rajwa.
4.55: 1, SUN KEEPER (D Costello) 5-1; 2, Ballsgrove Boy 5-1; 3, Dance Recital 4-1 Fav. 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l. (Alice Haynes). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.70, £1.60. Exacta: £26.20. Tricast: £110.16. Trifecta: £116.70. CSF: £30.41. NR: Bank On Kent, Sarafina Mshairi.
5.30: 1, CAUSIN A COMMOTION (O McSweeney) 5-1; 2, Kaleidoscope Eyes 4-13, Wondrous Ways 10-1. Also: 7-4 Fav Royal Accord. 9 ran. nk, nk. (K Ryan). Tote: Win £6.60; Pl £1.60, £1.30, £2.70. Exacta: £20.40. Tricast: £194.98. Trifecta: £146.70. CSF: £25.63.

£146.70. CSF: £25.63.
6.00: 1, BLACK SMOKE (G Wood) 9-2: 2, Inlet 13-2; 3, Addosh 3-1. Also: 11-4 Fav Hawa Jumeña. 8 ran. nk, 2¼l. (M Loughnae). Tote: Win £5.50; Pl £1.60, £2.10, £1.30. Exacta: £34.80. Tricast: £100.73. Trifecta: £121.80. CSF: £33.76.

6.30: 1, MAMDOH (Warren Fentiman) 9-5 Fay; 2, Daaris 5-2; 3, Trackman 15-2. 7 ran. ns, 134l. (J Parr). Tote: Win 22.80; Pl 21-40, £160. Exacta: £6.20. Tricast: £24.76. Trifecta: £31.10. CSF: £6.34. NP: Khangai.

7.00: 1, MASTER TECHNICIAN (G Wood) 9-4; 2, City Of God 5-4 Fay: 3, Sweet Fantastic 4-1.5 ran. 34l, 134l. (B Millman). Tote: Win £3.25; PI £1.50, £1.20. Exacta: £6.10. Trifecta: £14.30. CSF: £5.59.

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7.30: 1, COCONUT BAY (Millie Wonnacott) 9-2; 2, Wedgewood Sapphire 12-1; 3, Ustath 15-2. Also: 11-4 Fav Dandy Lichious. 10 ran. 34l, 34l. (T Davidson). Tote: Win £5.50; Pl £1.60, £4.10, £2.70. Exacta: £62.50. Trifecta: £513.60. CSF: £58.54. NR: Grecian God, Match Anthem. 8.00: 1, MARINER (G Wood) 7-2; 2, Charlatan 7-2; 3, Mr Fustic 6-1. Also: 7-4 Fav Waistcoat. 8 ran. hd, 334l. (J Candlish). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.30, £1.50, £1.80. Exacta: £15.00. Tricast: £71.53. Trifecta: £72.20. CSF: £16.77. NR: Morning Suit.

Morning Suit.
8.30: 1, SENSE OF WORTH (Dale Swift) 9-2; 2, Starfighter 12-1; 3, High Court Judge 10-11 Fav. 8 ran. ¾, 11. (S Spencer). Tote: Win £5.50; PI £1.40, £2.40, £1.10. Exacta: £44.30. Tricast: £88.43. Trifecta: £91.20. CSF: £54.80.

Jackpot: £37,866.60.
Placepot: £18.60. Quadpot: £5.70.

### **RUGBY** SIX NATIONS



Scotland forward has played in the last four games against the Auld Enemy and won them all.

That includes the team's last visit to Twickenham, when as Scotland captain he lifted the Calcutta Cup.

He has every right to go into Saturday's match in London with a lot of confidence.

But at the same time Ritchie, 28, is taking nothing for granted. Scotland were well below their best as they lost at home to Ireland last time out, while England had a shock win against France.

So he reckons his team will need to rediscover their top form if they are to make it an unprecedented five in a row in international rugby's oldest fixture.

Ritchie said: "The past gives us confidence to know we can go and beat them, home and away. But the teams change so much from year

to year.
"We're under no illusions as to the challenge they'll pose to us. So we'll have to be at our absolute best to win the game.

"We've had a pretty good run against them in the last few years.

"But it's always a big and challenging game, so we need to prepare well this week.

"Ând we need to make sure we

try to get a bit of a fast start.

"We were a little bit slow to get going against Ireland at the weekend, so we'll be looking to right that one as well.

We know the ability we have and we know how well we've performed against England in the past. But it's about getting it right on Saturday."

The last time out at Twickenham

Stadium - two tries by Duhan van der Merwe helped Scotland to a 29-23 win.

Huw Jones and Ben White also touched down but the win was built on defence as much as attack.

And Ritchie said: "It was a real special game to be a part of. There were some big moments in that game which make it really memorable.

"Duhan's [first] try, and the great team try we scored at the end to win it, which was also Duhan's

try, wasn't it?
"And then defending our line really well at the end when they had a chance to

"These are things that made it a really special memory. And then the icing on the top was getting to lift the Calcutta Cup there?

It's often said this game means more to Scotland than it does to England. Ritchie hedged his bets about that - at least at first.

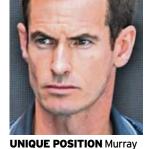
He added: "I can't speak on behalf of the English lads. But it certainly means a lot to us.

'Yeah, this one has a special place in our hearts.

"I don't know, maybe it does mean more to us and maybe that's why we've won in the last

Chance to stun All Blacks SCOTLAND will have another crack at beating

the All Blacks for the first time in the Autumn Nations Series at Murrayfield. The New Zealanders have won 30 in the series and drawn two. Sat Nov 1 - Scotland v USA (5.40),



### Novak: I'm glad Andy will still be my coach

ANDY MURRAY will continue to coach Novak Djokovic through to the French Open and possibly at Wimbledon.

Djokovic - who suffered a shock 7-6 6-2 defeat to Matteo Berrettini in the Qatar Open yesterday confirmed the Scot had agreed to keep up the partnership that started for the Australian Open.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion said the collaboration was "indefinite". opening the possibility of the former rivals also linking up at Wimbledon.

Diokovic - whose Melbourne campaign ended when he retired injured in the semi-final against Alexander Zverev said: "We had a chat the day after I finished.

'We agreed he was going to take some time and think, speak with his family members and see if he decides to keep working.

"I expressed my desire to continue the collaboration with him so I am really glad he did accept.

"It is indefinite in terms of how long we are going to work together but most likely the States and some clay-court tournaments.

'He has a unique perspective on my game. He has played me and all of the current best players in the world and knows everyone well. He has a positive approach and handled the pressure well."

### Raducanu's up for Queen's bid

EMMA RADUCANU needed "no convincing" to enter a new tournament when the WTA Tour returns to London for the first time in over 50 years this summer.

Raducanu - who exited the Dubai Championships 7-6 6-4 to Karolina Muchova yesterday - will compete in the HSBC event at Queen's Club in June.

Katie Boulter has also signed up and tournament director Laura Robson said: "They're all excited to play it, especially Katie and Emma. There was no convincing needed."





**COMPETITIVE** Smith

of England's one-point victory over France that said everything about the competitive side of Marcus Smith.

England had just taken the lead against Les Bleus and needed to negotiate one final restart to end a run of seven defeats to tier-one opposition.

In November, Australia had

scoring the winning try in a dramatic victory.

This time, France kicked the restart short and it wasn't gathered initially, squirting loose to give the visitors a chance to regather and try to snatch the win.

Instead, Smith, the smallest England player on the pitch, reacted fastest to dive on the sake Fin Smith to kick the ball out and seal the win.

It was instinct – dating back to his time battling with younger brothers Luc and Tomas.

He said: "I've got two younger brothers and a very competitive dad and mum. At home, we always competed, whether it was Monopoly, Xbox or sporting

moments as a competition and it's part of my job. So I'm glad I could dive on the ball and Fin could kick it out.

"Now it's our job to take another step forward in our journey and beat Scotland, which will be a tough test but it's at our home and we'll do everything we can hopefully to win the Calcutta Cup."



### **ABERDEEN**



JIMMY THELIN reckons it would be unfair to draw a comparison between Oday Dabbagh and former Aberdeen hero Bojan Miovski.

The new loan signing from Charleroi made his debut as he came off the bench to see out the closing minutes of the weekend win at Dundee.

The striker has already impressed Thelin

and his team-mates



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saying that he is very similar in style to Miovski - who impressed at Pittodrie before he won a club record sale to Girona earlier this season.

The Palestine striker, like Miovski, is also left-sided and a goalscorer but that is where it ends for the Aberdeen manager.

He said: "No, I don't think like that. I don't like to compare players, every player is unique in one way.

So I haven't thought so much about that myself,

"But what he has is a good ball touch.

"He's good at finding positions inside the box and is also a good finisher. Let's see how he connects with the team and how we play.

"Of course he needs time, like everybody else but he's a clever player and can adapt really quickly.

"He has his strength in the

MIOV IS OFFSKI Thelin says new Don isn't like ex-Don Bojan

link play with other players but also always finds space to finish inside the box."

Cormack Park is a very different place this week, on the back of two wins and a first Premiership victory in 15 games.

The Dons are also back in third place and will look to build on that when former boss Derek McInnes takes his Kilmarnock side north this weekend.

Thelin brought in the likes of Kristers Tobers, Alexander Jensen, Alfie Dorrington, Dabbagh, Mats Knoester and Jeppe Okkels during the last window. He now believes the competition is as strong as it has ever been.

That has been borne out with the likes of captain Graeme Shinnie and Nicky Devlin left on the bench recently.

The competition inside the squad is stronger," Thelin said.

That's forced everyone to take another step up. The team is growing again.

"Hopefully, now we can put a challenging time behind us and

keep building on this now. But still, it's always game by game." Versatile full-back Jensen, in

particular, has hit the ground running since he made the switch from Sweden side Brommapoikarna.

### The Aberdeen boss said: Everything needs some time.

"The players have different backgrounds also.

"Every week will help us to get stronger and stronger and that is really important for us right now for the goals we have.

"Also, some players have different skills, some are more technique, powerful, speed, and some are better on the understanding of the game, so it's a mix of everything."

Aberdeen are looking to finish on a high in the league and in the Scottish Cup. They face shock troops Queen's Park in the quarter-finals at home.

Thelin said: "I am looking forward to the cup. It's good to play at home but we know a cup game is a knockout and that's why it's so exciting. We'll be ready."

# W SAIN I

SIMO VALAKARI insists St Johnstone new boys need to learn Scottish football's harsh lessons quickly - just like he did.

Saints got no time on the ball at Kilmarnock on Saturday and lost 3-1.

The Finn remains committed to playing out from the back.

But he knows his signings need to be sharper and smarter in their work.

Elliot Watt was robbed collecting a pass from keeper Andy Fisher as Killie took a ninth-minute lead and never looked back.

Valakari also has Jonathan Svedberg, Daniels Balodis and Victor Griffith finding their feet in a different football climate.

Valakari knew the Scottish top flight's challenges from his spell as a Motherwell midfielder - and it's

just as tough 30 years on. The manager said: "I remember my debut for Motherwell, Alex McLeish took me aside after training

on the Friday. "He told me I was starting and warned it would be something I have never experienced before.

We were playing Aberdeen and he said they will run over me, step on my toes and be physically stronger than teams I'd played before.

"When the high balls come, there will be elbows and you have to fight for everything.

"He told me Í would need to cope with that and, if I did, I would be OK.

"Even now, the principles are the same - and that's what I told my players.

Scottish football. You need to do the fighting elements calmness afterwards."



of the game first before you earn the right to play.

'The players will learn from the Kilmarnock game they have seen for themselves what football here is like.

"In Scotland you don't get time and you have to cope with the chaos.

That was the experience I knew would hit them – and hit them hard.

"But they are good boys, smart boys and they know they have to learn quickly."

Saints held a post-Rugby Park inquest after their four-game winning run came to a halt.

Now they face three huge bottom six tests against Hearts, Ross County and Dundee.

Valakari said: "They are all brutally honest with each other, they know they didn't do the good things we wanted to do well.

'We didn't give ourselves a chance to win it. But we will own the mistakes and try to be better.

"Losing that goal so early knocked us mentally, so we didn't do the good things we had been doing in the games against Motherwell, St Mirren and Hamilton.

"In those matches the only goal we conceded was a penalty kick, but with the way we conceded one at Kilmarnock we lost our

### Tomi keeps in-form Ton heading in right direction

TOMI ADELOYE marked his first Morton start with a goal as the Greenock side continued their charge towards the Championship play-offs.

Dougie Imrie's men are now unbeaten in the league since November 2 when they crashed 6-0 at Falkirk, who are the visitors to Cappielow on Friday.

Accies started brightly and Connor Smith and Oli Shaw both went close to

opening the scoring. But the breakthrough » MORTON......2
» HAMILTON.....0

came at the other end after 29 minutes when Adeloye headed home Nathan Shaw's corner. The big striker had

another chance before halftime but did not connect properly with his header.

Smith, Shaw and Kevin O'Hara all had half-chances for Accies in the second half but Arron Lyall sealed victory with Ton's second 11 minutes from time.

### Weir more focused now on World Cup

CAROLINE WEIR has issued a rallying call to Scotland to not linger too much on the disappointment of failing to qualify for this summer's Euros.

And the Real Madrid ace insists all eyes must be on qualifying for the 2027 Women's World Cup.

Scotland, under interim

manager Mick McArdle following the exit of Pedro Martinez Losa following the failure to beat Finland and get to the Euros, kick off their Nations League campaign on Friday night against Austria.

And Weir believes these games have to lay the groundwork for the road qualification for a major

to the World Cup. Weir said: "The Nations League is a great platform to build those foundations.

'We want to perform well but it's also the start of a new cycle and that's what happens in football. "Everything we do now

geared towards

tournament. Personally, my ambition is to play in another major tournament with Scotland."

The Scots take on Austria and then the Netherlands at Hampden on Tuesday night.

"Our goal is to get as many positive results as possible," said Weir.



LOOKING AHEAD Caroline

# Critch: Elton will not dwell on Gers pain

NEIL CRITCHLEY has backed Elton Kabungu to bounce back from his Rangers disappointment.

The Hearts striker had chances to find the net in Sunday's 3-1 defeat but failed to make them count, with Gers keeper Jack Butland in fine form.

Kabunga has set a high bar since making the loan move from Union Saint-Gilloise last month, scoring five goals in four games before Sunday.

But Critchley doesn't expect him to dwell on his frustration when Hearts return to action on Sunday at St Johnstone.

The Jambos boss said: "He was disappointed, he said that to me at the end. "But I don't want him to

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be disappointed because he's the one that's getting the chances.

"He's a real threat. He got into some great situations. Butland made a fantastic save low down and he could've had another one.

"It's maybe his leg or the inside of his arm and sometimes they trickle into the goal and it's just gone past.

"Sometimes they go in but it was really positive that he was getting in those situations and we created those situations for him."

It was a first defeat in nine for resurgent Hearts and Critchley added: "We were the dominant team on the pitch. So we can take a lot from that and how we played the game."

# Buddie can't wait to get back Con pitch

FRUSTRATED Stephen Robinson admits St Mirren crock Conor McMenamin can't wait to get back to work.

But he insists the luckless wideman's injury troubles have nothing to do with his switch to full-time football.

The 29-year-old made the move to Paisley from League of Ireland parttimers Glentoran in the summer of 2023.

But he's managed less than 40 appearances in the 18 months since after repeated setbacks with his achilles and knee.

However, Robbo reckons his troubles are down to sheer bad luck than his change in status.

He said: "Conor's got two

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freak injuries. When people step from part-time to full-time, it's usually hamstrings, thighs and calves that go.

"These are two injuries that are very, very rare.

"He's been really unfortunate. Of course there is a difference in tempo. But I'm not sure the two injuries he's had should be attributed to that."

McManamin hasn't kicked a ball for Saints since mid-December.

And his boss said: "Conor is still going to be another three to four weeks.

"It's been frustrating, no more than for Conor because he is a differencemaker for us. Hopefully we get him fit soon."

# Outgoing gaffer will always be a Doo Jag

RICHARD BESTALL insists that sacked manager Kris Doolan will always be a Partick Thistle legend.

The Firhill chairman admitted it wasn't an easy choice to part ways with their boss and his assistant Paul McDonald.

Doolan, who served the Jags as a player, coach and then manager, was shown the Firhill door with the club sitting fourth and some 14 points behind leaders Falkirk.

Bestall said: "The board has made the difficult decision to part ways with Kris. It was not an easy choice.

"When Kris left as a player in 2019, it was said 'he is, and always will be, a legend at Partick Thistle Football Club'. That BY **SCOTT BURNS** 

remains true today. On behalf of everyone at the club, we thank Kris for his dedication and wish him the very best for the future.

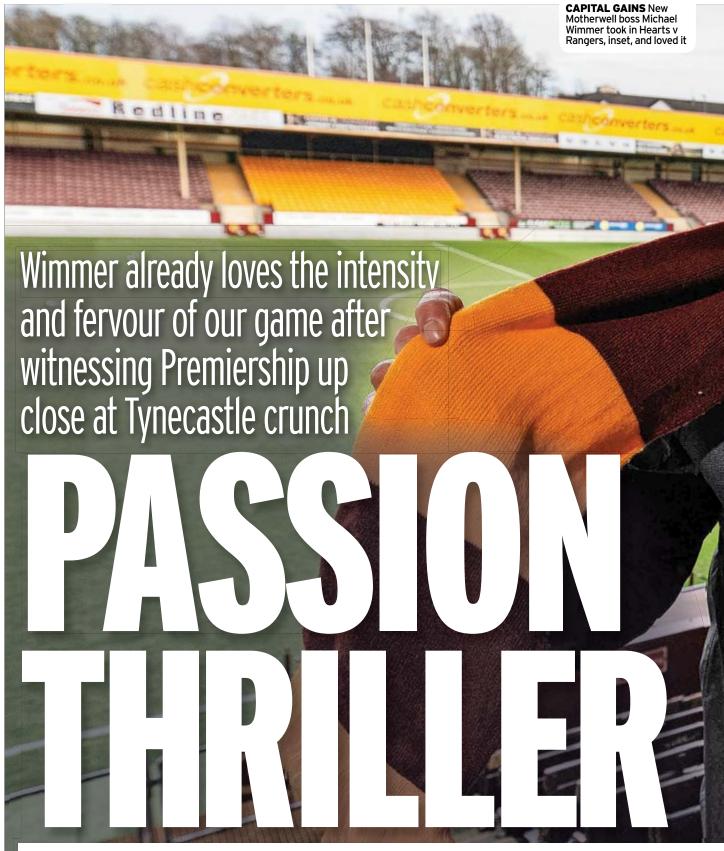
"He will always be welcome at Firhill."

Doolan scored 121 goals in 401 appearances as a player before he left Firhill in 2019. He returned in 2023 as youth coach and then stepped up to the main job after Ian McCall's sacking.

He led them to the playoffs over the last two seasons but couldn't get promotion.

Thistle have now put captain Brian Graham and Mark Wilson in charge for the weekend game with Airdrie.





MICHAEL WIMMER admits that he was shocked by the power and passion Scottish football has to offer as he took a sneak peak at some of the rivals he will be taking on with Motherwell.

Now the German gaffer hopes to use the energy from the Fir Park stands to supercharge his new side's bid for the top six.

The former Austria Vienna boss has been brought in after predecessor Stuart Kettlewell opted to quit when a small but vocal section of the support blew a fuse over a downturn in results and what they felt was a substandard brand of football.

A run of five league games without a win has now seen Well drop out of the top six for the first time since August.

It's only goal difference

Y ANDY NEWPORT

keeping them in the bottom half but worryingly, second-bottom Dundee sit just four points back in the relegation play-off spot.

Wimmer knows it's his job to get Motherwell surging back up the table.

But having sampled his first experience of Scottish football at Tynecastle this weekend, he believes his high-voltage system can do the trick for the Steelmen once they plug themselves back into the passion provided by punters.

Wimmer – who saw a move to Bristol Rovers collapse just before New Year after he was denied a work permit – said: "I know things about the UK football.

"I know many coaches who have worked in the English Championship, For example, I know Tim Walter [ex-Stuttgart boss who had a five-month stint at Hull] very well so I've followed UK football, but I also followed Scottish football and I like it.

"I like the intensity, the honesty from the football, and I like the passion. I like also the fans. They are passionate. This is crazy.

"On Sunday, I watched Hearts against Rangers. I was also surprised by the energy and the power in this game. I'm looking forward to my first game this weekend against Dundee United.

"Ilike it to work in the traditional club because, in my opinion, the fans and also the club have this passion, and I like it. On Sunday, you saw that the fans, in my opinion, they live for football.

"In Germany you would say this is perfect. I think we should give the fans, with our performance on the pitch, this passion back to confirm this passion. Do you know what I mean?

"To confirm this passion by giving everything on the pitch, showing our heart, by going into each duel and playing with intensively.

"The result, I don't know, in football everything can happen but you can always bring the best performance, you can always bring the best effort in the 90 minutes."

Wimmer and his right-hand man Ahmet Koc got down to work with their players yesterday morning for the first time after being given the thumbs-up for their work permits.

They don't have long to get to grips with their new squad

# WIMMER'S ENCLOSURE I think we should give the fans this passion back with our performance on the pitch MICHAEL WIMMER ON **DEVELOPMENT** MOTHERWELI

before Saturday's trip to Tannadice. But the former Stuttgart caretaker believes once he gets his message across, they can begin their ascent.

Wimmer said: "If you see the table, from third place down to 11th, there are only 11 points between them.

"So the table are very tight and everything is possible. But to talk about the aim, I think it's too early. Perhaps I can talk later after the split.

The next aim is to implement my idea, slowly but gradually bringing it into the club, bring it into the team, and to achieve sixth place. This is the aim to get in the top six."

WImmer built his success in Austria on an aggressive, highpressing game plan. But he insists he's not an unbending Ange Postecogloutype zealot who will refuse to compromise his believes.

"Me as manager, I'm not the important man, it's the players who are important," he said.

"And I'm not here and say, 'We have to do this and this and this. This has to work'.

"If the players do not feel confident, then we have to adapt, make the changes slowly. But they also have to know the idea of what I want to see from them, which is to play aggressive, to press.

"But you can also adapt this to make a lower block instead

of press high. So I can be flexible.
"I want us to play proactive football, to play within our principles, to be dominant also and have high ball wins. And my

building blocks are to have control, to be dynamic, to be goal-oriented.

**GLEE** Wimmer

helped bring through City's Marmoush

"Hopefully this can bring energy into the club, energy and atmosphere to the fans. I think it's a traditional club, and a traditional club needs intensity."

Wimmer spent 18 months in charge of Austria Vienna, taking them into Europe in his first season before suffering a second-term downturn as the club narrowly avoided relegation. He also has a

wealth o f coaching experience with spells as an assistant and youth coach at the likes of

Stuttgart, Augsburg and FC Nurnberg, where he helped develop £50million-rated French kid Enzo Millot and new Man City striker Omar Marmoush.

His job now will be to ensure Lennon Miller continues his own meteoric rise and provide the Well board with a potentially lucrative future windfall.

He said: "I like to develop players. I worked in Nuremberg in the academy with many players. Also in my time

in Stuttgart, we have many young players like Enzo Millot who came through.

"I think this could be one aim of the club, to develop players, and perhaps to sell them, and to get money."

### I can be a Wimmer at **Motherwell**

### FROM BACK PAGE

Kettlewell, who stunned club chiefs last month with his decision to

The former Ross County coach opted to walk away after a two-year stint in charge when the abuse he was taking from a small but furious section of the Well support became too much for his family to stand.

Wimmer wasn't keen to delve too far into the reasons behind his predecessor's departure as he was officially unveiled as Well's new manager yesterday.
But the former Stuttgart and

Austria Vienna boss knows he'll stand a far better chance of surviving in his new gig if he can get the punters onside quick.

The 44-year-old said: 'I'm not in a position to talk about this.

This is the past, and it's not my topic I'm talking about.

No, I'm looking forward, and I like to have good connections to the fans.

"If I work 24-7 for the club and give everything for the club, then I think it could work.

"I can't say [too much about relations with the fans] just because I don't know what it was like before I came to the club.

"But I can say that I think it's very important QUIT Kettewell that the relationship between the team, the club and the fans has to be tight."

Wimmer took his first training s e s s i o n yesterday morning after having his **NEXT** Goodwin UK work permit approved.



And he's confident he'll be able to get a team that have slid down to eighth after a run of five Premiership games without a win back looking up soon.

His first fixture in the dugout will be up against Jim Goodwin's fourth-placed Dundee United outfit at Tannadice on Saturday afternoon.

Yes, I'm convinced that I can implement my style because I saw the players yesterday only in a meeting, and today in a meeting, in the training session," Wimmer said. "And I firmly believe the players are very hungry to get the information required.

In the session, they did it very well, and I'm convinced that it's possible.

"But it's not a sprint, it's a marathon, that's for sure.

"It certainly takes also time to implement all the things that I will be looking for here. It's going to be hard work but exciting.



BY ANDY NEWPORT
PHILIPPE CLEMENT stands accused of presiding over one of the worst results in Rangers' 153-year history. The Ibrox faithful have on the whole reached their verdict when it comes to the beleaguered Belgian following last week's Queen's Park debacle.

And an overwhelming majority reckon the only suitable punishment is banishment from the club.

But it seems the Light Blues board are not yet convinced Clement should be condemned to history following his side's humiliating Scottish Cup exit at the hands of Callum Davidson's Championship Spiders.

There's been not a peep out of any of the senior figures since the disastrous defeat but the pressure has yet to relent. Sunday's win over Hearts granted Clement a stay of execution but he'll be back in the dock again if his side slip up this weekend when St Mirren visit.

While the Rangers directors continue their own deliberations, **Record Sport** decided to take a look at the arguments for sacking the Ibrox gaffer... and the mitigating reasons the board will point to if they decide to grant him another reprieve.

Queen's Park cup shocker was the final straw for Rangers faithful

### CASE FOR THE **PROSECUTION**

Put simply, there are plenty who will believe that losing at home to lower league opposition in the Scottish Cup for the first time was a sackable offence in itself - regardless of whatever else has gone on.

It's a result that will go down alongside the likes of Berwick Rangers in 1967 or Hamilton 20 years later in the Ibrox hall of shame.

Clement's camp will point out that neither of those infamous results resulted in managerial change at Ibrox but Scott Symon responded to the Berwick shock by leading his side to a European final just four months later while Graeme Souness' side bounced back from their Accies aberration to be crowned league champions.

No one seriously expects to see Clement's team pulling off that kind of comeback.

### SIMPLY SECOND BEST

Clement appeared to have worked a minor miracle after his appointment in October 2023, transforming a team that looked dead and buried seven points adrift of Celtic just 10 games into the season.

But after clambering their way to the Premiership summit, his side blew



**PENALTY PAIN** Players console Ridvan their big chance as Celtic powered down the final straight.

That was damning enough in the eves of many fans but worse was to come this season, with a string of damaging results on the road leaving Celtic now on the verge of another title. With three months of the season remaining, Clement's team have nothing left to play for domestically. **DISMAL DERBY RECORD**No modern-era Old Firm boss had

gone through his first four derby clashes without a win and survived to see a fifth - before Clement that is.

The former Brugge and Monaco gaffer eventually broke his duck at the seventh attempt at Ibrox last month but it was a game without meaning given Celtic's huge lead at the top of the table.

In the head-to-heads that have mattered, Clement's team have toiled. April's Ibrox showdown was seen as a chance for his side to establish themselves as Premiership top dogs but in the end they were relieved to snatch a 3-3 draw.

And at Hampden, they've had opportunities to get one over on Brendan Rodgers' team but it was the Hoops boss who swaggered off with last year's Scottish Cup and this term's Premier Sports Cup. **OUT OF STYLE** 

Clement arrived promising to make Rangers more direct and deadly after the toothless, torturous displays the Ibrox fanbase had to endure under predecessor Michael Beale.

But after a promising start, the Light Blues have

reverted to their bad old habits.

Slow, one-paced and devoid of inspiration, it only takes opposing teams to set up in a solid shape and this tepid team often find themselves banging heads of a brick wall.



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# CLEMENT IS CLINGING ON





### **Balogun** bemoans Gers' dire campaign

BY **ALAN GALINDO** 

LEON BALOGUN has delivered an honest review of Rangers' season to date as he branded it "too

inconsistent".

Rangers' form from domestic to European football has been night and day with a Europa League top-eight finish booking direct qualification to the last 16 of the competition.

But on home soil it has been a much different story. Sunday's 3-1 away win at Hearts brought the gap to rivals Celtic back down to 13 points but the result doesn't tell the whole story with results on their travels proving a real problem this

Philippe Clement and his troops also lost to Brendan Rodgers' men in the Premier Sports Cup Final while they suffered a shock defeat to Queen's Park in their own backyard - a result that ended hopes of domestic silverware this season.

But Balogun says everyone inside Ibrox is determined to give their all for the club.

He said: "Too inconsistent. That's the most honest review I can give. If you look at Europe, we've been pretty good. We got direct qualification to the round of 16, but domestically, too inconsistent.

"I mean, I don't want to be short or shy for words, but that's just the perfect description. We're too inconsistent. That's why we are where we are in the league, which is sad."

 $\check{\mbox{He}}$  added on SportsBoom: "I've been fortunate to be part of a team that successfully broke Celtic's dominance and I'd love to experience that again.

However, at this moment it's clear we have a lot of work to do to challenge Celtic for the title.

'We're behind in the race and this season has highlighted the need for significant improvement. We're aware of the challenge but are determined to put in the hard work to close the gap and compete at the highest level to reclaim the title."



IT'S a Rangers-heavy Hotline as the Bears flooded the lines to bite back at the penalty moans from Sunday.

Hearts felt they should have had a spot-kick during their 3-1 defeat at the weekend only for the Ibrox side to go up the park and score within seconds.

That caught the attention of Celtic fans who

slammed the decision - but Stuart McLeod, Stepps, said: "A whole load of Celtic fans have found their voice again when it comes to refereeing. Silent for months whilst every decision goes their way and now calling out a penalty that never was at Tynecastle, even when their biggest cheerleader Chris Sutton is saying no penalty.

"If ever Celtic fans had a case for complaint it was the terrible decision the week before when there was minimal contact on Cyriel Dessers for a penalty."

**Chris Lowe, Yoker,** said: "It's finally, after seven months of the season, taken a nothing decision to spark the usual suspects into action with claims that when it comes to penalties Rangers are officiated differently. I couldn't agree more as we only got our first of the season last week. In fact Arne 'Pengels' has probably missed more than we've been awarded.

"One claims Beaton is Rangers' player of the year. Really? In that case do Celtic have a 'player of the week' and take their pick from Connor, Robertson, Walsh, Clancy - the list is endless really given how officials constantly favour them."

**Jamie Spiers** said: "I've supported Rangers for over 60 years, we're struggling financially but thrashed Celtic in the last Old Firm game and we were robbed in the League Cup Final due to biased VAR officiating. Kris Boyd should shut his big mouth, always putting the boot into the club that made him

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

'Celtic fans say Gers are officiated differently. I couldn't agree more as we only got out first penalty of the entire season last week'

famous. We are slowly building a good team, all true Rangers fans should get behind the manager."

In the green corner, Scott McAdam, Glasgow, said: "Once again the pub team from Govan get a big help from Mr Beaton and their wee Edinburgh cousins.

'That's now five years since they have beat their big cousins. Two own goals and a stonewaller not given. Beaten by a team who were beaten by a former amateur team. Well you should be relegated."

Penalty melodrama aside, there are some mixed opinions about the bigger picture at Ibrox. Drew Ferguson, Oban, said: "With limited funds and poor previous boardroom decisions, Rangers are now a 'project team' who will need to grow their own players and develop young foreign players to challenge Celtic for the title and cups. But initially that comes at a cost of inconsistency and will take years to get to the high standards we require. Fans will have to suck this up."

But bullish Alan Flett reckons not one Celtic player would get into the Rangers team. His opinion, not ours! He said: "We may have only won three of the last 42 domestic trophies but what does that say about Celtic? Rangers are still the biggest club in the country and, the most popular Scottish club worldwide. Despite our problems, not one Celtic player would get in our team and, we're only a commanding centre-half and a proven goalscorer, away from dominating Scottish football once again."

Moving swiftly on, there was a theory over yet another European club competition as Gary Stevenson, Newtonhill, said: "Cannot wait until next month's last-16 ties in Europe. As all the smaller teams make way we are sure to see some massive ties between Europe's best. I still think that there should be another tournament for the smaller clubs who fall by the wayside. The biggest losers trophy perhaps.'

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### FOOTBALL EXTRA

AC MILAN'S wait for an eighth Champions League title will have to wait another year after a late Julian Carranza leveller saw Fevenoord send the Italian giants crashing out.

The Serie A outfit was held to a dramatic 1-1 draw with the struggling Eredivisie side in a game that saw two players red-

Sergio Conceicao's players entered the San Siro knowing they would need a strong performance and at least a two-goal lead to secure a win, having lost the first leg 1-0 in the Netherlands.

Milan got off to a dream start with new signing Santiago Gimenez scoring after just a minute.

Milan continued to push until the game flipped on its head in the 51st minute when defender Theo Hernandez was controversially sent off for a second yellow card for diving.

And midway through the second half sub and former Philadelphia Union forward Carranza tied the game for Feyenoord, giving the Dutch team a 2-1 lead on aggregate.

After the final whistle blew, a brawl broke out on the field between the players, prompting Milan forward Rafael Leao to receive a yellow card while Feyenoord's 18-year-old right-back Givairo Read was handed a straight red.

Following the game, Milan's senior advisor to ownership and former star forward Zlatan Ibrahi-



**DECIDER** Julian Carranza

movic said: "Feyenoord were not better than us, we just killed ourselves.

Benfica held off a spirited comeback from Monaco in a thrilling draw in Lisbon to seal their place in the last 16.

The Portuguese side were a goal up from the first leg and went up 1-0 in the 22nd minute through a Kerem Akturkoglu strike.

But Monaco midfielder Takumi Minamino levelled with a simple finish.

Eliesse Ben Seghir put them in front after the break with a stunning firsttime shot before Benfica were awarded a penalty and Vangelis Pavlidis. coolly converted to make it 2-2 before Monaco sub George Ilenikhena and Benfica's Orkun Kokcu added a goal each late on.

Chemsdine Talbi bagged a double as Brugge stunned Atalanta in Italy with three first-half goals in their 3-1 triumph – and 5-2 overall aggregate victory.

Ferran Jutgla produced a fine finish was also on target for the Belgians with Ademola Lookman pulling one back for Atalanta who missed a penalty and had Rafael Toloi sent offlate on

# Liverpool boss Slot happy to be at Anfield for most of the title run-in

### ARNE SLOT believes Liverpool will be on the "home" straight if they navigate two tricky away days at Aston Villa and Manchester City.

The Reds travel to Villa Park tonight knowing victory will put them 10 points clear of Arsenal in the Premier League title race.

Liverpool then visit defending champions Manchester City on Sunday in the second of two huge games in their hopes of winning a 20th league crown.

While he hopes to take something from both games, head coach Slot is already looking forward to have seven of the 11 games that would then remain in their title run-in at Anfield.

He said: "These two games we are going to play now have already been played by Arsenal Villa away and City away.

We can make a difference in the upcoming two games.

"If not, then we are on equal terms because we have played

### ASTON VILLA v LIVERPOOL

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a lot of similar games and there are still 11 games to go.

The positive thing is that, after these two games, we've got seven home games and four

"And we all know how much Anfield can help us."

Liverpool will face a Villa side who are looking to close the six-point gap behind fourthplaced City in the race for Champions League places, while Manchester United loanee Marcus Rashford will also be looking to show what he can do if he gets a chance.

Slot is wary of the England striker who has a point to prove.

He said: "As you see sometimes when a new manager comes in, certain players start to play much better.

You also see this sometimes

when players go to different clubs. You mention Rashford now, but Antony isn't doing bad at Betis, too.

"I've always said that United have a lot of quality players for a number of years now. Some of them show it at

United now and some of them show it somewhere else. "But Rashford is one of the best attackers that England

has in my opinion, if he plays to his ability." The Reds head to Villa on the

back of arguably two of their worst displays of the season away to Everton and at home to Wolves, which followed their shock FA Cup exit to Plymouth with a much-changed side.

Of course, it should be pointed out that Slot's side emerged from those games against Everton

and Wolves with four points. Just a week ago they were six points clear of Arsenal. With two games less to play in the Premier League, they are seven clear.

This is hardly a crisis but compared to the high standards set this season, there has been a clear drop-off in the last two league outings.

Liverpool managed just four shots on target across 90 minutes against Everton in a 2-2 draw while they failed to register a single effort on goal in the second half against Wolves on Sunday despite winning 2-1.

But Slot, who led Feyenoord to the Eredivisie title in 2023, remains calm about the situation as they prepare to face a Villa side who are in the last 16 of the Champions League but looking to improve their hopes of qualifying for next season's tournament by finishing in the Premier League top four. Slot said: "What I've learned,

### **FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

### LAST NIGHT CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF, 2ND LEG

..1 CELTIC. (agg 3-2) Kuhn 63 HT: 0-0 Davies 90 AC MILAN HT: 1-0 ATALANTA .1 BRUGGE .. (agg 2-5) Talbi 3, 27 Lookman 46 HT: 0-3 BENFICA....

Jutgla 45 .3 MONACO.

(agg 4-3) Minamino 32 Akturkoglu 22 Pavlidis (pen) 76 Kokcu 84 Seghir 51 Ilenikhena 81

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP MORTON............2 HAMILTON .........0

English Championship - Preston NE 1, Millwall 1.

English League One- Crawley 1, Wigan 1; Mansfield 0, Lincoln City 3; Shrewsbury 0, Huddersfield 1; Stevenage 0, Burton Albion 1; Wrexham 1, Leyton Orient 2; Wycombe 2, Bristol Rovers 0.

English League Two-Fleetwood 0, Wimbledon 0; Morecambe 0, Doncaster Rovers 1; Notts County 1, Colchestor 1

English Football League Trophy-Birmingham 2, Bradford 1. Lowland League Trophy-

Broxburn 0, Albion Rovers 5, West of Scotland Premier – arvel2, Largs Thistle 1; Drumchapel

### FOOTBALL TODAY

(7.45, unless stated)
Champions League play-off 1st leg-BDortmundvSportingCP(5.45), PSGvBrest(8.0), PSVvJuventus(8.0), RMadrid vMan City (8.0).
English Premier League - Aston

Villa v Liverpool (7.30). English Championship – Luton v

Plymouth.

Highland League-Banks O'Dee
v Formartine, Brechinv Keith, Brora v Strathspey, Deveronvale v Fraser-burgh, Rothes v Forres Mechanics, Wick v Clachnacuddin.

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE (W)BOOTROOM



if there's any experience I've learned of winning a league title, is in general in a season if there are 38 games to be played, don't expect you have 38 times fantastic football.

"If you are a very good team and a very special team you play 20-25 very good games then you play a few mediocre ones and you play a few very bad ones.

But it is more about the results in the mediocre or bad ones than the 20-25 because they are ones you will probably win.

"Ît is normal in a season that it is not 38 times the best football that is ever played.

"Not in the history of Liverpool, not in the four years City have won the league and not this time with us, or Arsenal, or City, or Chelsea.

'We all have a certain amount of games that we play really well and because we have to play so many games as well you can't expect to be outplaying every single opponent.

Slot has yet to respond to the FA charge following his sendingoff after last week's Merseyside derby when he confronted the officials over decisions late in the game.

The Dutchman has until tonight to respond and will then face a hearing so will be on the touchline for the clash with Villa and Sunday's game with Manchester City.

Liverpool will need an upturn in performance this week if they are to maintain their lead over Arsenal, though.

Because, as good as Everton have been in their resurgence under Moyes and the threat of Matheus Cunha with Wolves, this is a step up in opponent as they face Villa and City away in the space of four days.

Then there is the visit of Newcastle at Anfield next Wednesday to make it three huge games in eight days. Slot said: "I am, indeed, calm except for maybe the minute after we conceded the 2-2 [against Everton]."

Villa have gone four Premier League games without a win and boss Unai Emery believes his side will be trying to end that run against the best team they will face this season - and in Mo Salah a man playing the best football of his illustrious

career. With a home fixture against Chelsea and a trip to Crystal Palace to follow tonight's test, a successful week will give Emery's season a decided shot in the arm but he is under no illusions as to the size of the task in **HOME RULE** happy with

hand. He said: "Salah's career has been amazing and this year he is playing his best football.

We have to impose our gameplan and try to use our skill to get a difference on the field. We have to compete because

they will demand a lot of us,

tactically and individually. Liverpool have a very high level of performance this year, more than the last two years. They are

even doing better. "For me as a coach it is a big challenge, a challenge to how we can collectively set our gameplan

against them. 'Ĭt's the most difficult match we are going to play for the last few weeks and months."

DAILY POLI

WILL new Motherwell manager Michael Wimmer guide them to a top-six finish?

1 In which year did Geraint Thomas win the Tour de France?

**2** How many times has Tiger Woods won the Masters?

3 In football, who did England beat in the final of the Women's European Championships in 2022?

4 In rugby union, who is the current Wales interim head coach?

5 In snooker, who won this year's Welsh Open title last weekend? 6 Which Hundred team won last

year's women's competition? 7 Louis Rees-Zammit has signed with which NFL team?

8 How many Olympic medals did swimmer Rebecca Adlington win?

**9** The Formula One Australian Grand Prix takes place in which city?

10 Luka Doncic was recently traded to which NBA team?

### **ONTHIS DAY**



1954: Socrates, who captained Brazil at the 1982 World Cup, was born. He died in 2011.

# FOOTBALL: Champions

League, - Dortmund v Sporting (TNT Sports 4, 5.30pm), Real Madrid v Manchester City (TNT Sports 1, 7pm), PSG v Brest

(TNT Sports 4, 7.45pm); Premier League - Aston Villa v Liverpool (TNT Sports 2, 6.30pm). CRICKET: Champions Trophy

Pakistan v New Zealand (Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Cricket, 8.30am). **TENNIS:** WTA Dubai Duty Free (Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports

Tennis, 7am); ATP Qatar Open (Sky Sports Tennis, 11.30am). CYCLING: Men's UAE Tour

(Eurosport 2, 10.50am); Tour of Andalucia (Eurosport 2, 1pm); Tour of Algarve (Eurosport 2, 3pm).

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Fixit

### Mad about a belter in Bernabeu

IT'S another big night in the Champions League and the stage is set for a cracker at the Bernabeu.

Manchester City's late collapse last week sees them head to Spain trailing 3-2 against Real Madrid in this glamour play-off tie.

McBookie make Real Madrid 1/5 hot favourites to reach the last 16 but the price is better for a win on the night at 10/11.

We should see plenty of goals as Pep Guardiola's men go for it but it's hard finding value on this one, with even over 3.5 strikes odds-on at 4/5.

The player markets offer better value, with City star Erling Haaland 11/10 for anytime scorer after his first-leg double and Jude Bellingham 9/5 to net again for Real.

I also like the evens on offer at Bet365 for over 4.5

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Real Madrid corners as that bet has come up in all but two of their home games this season.

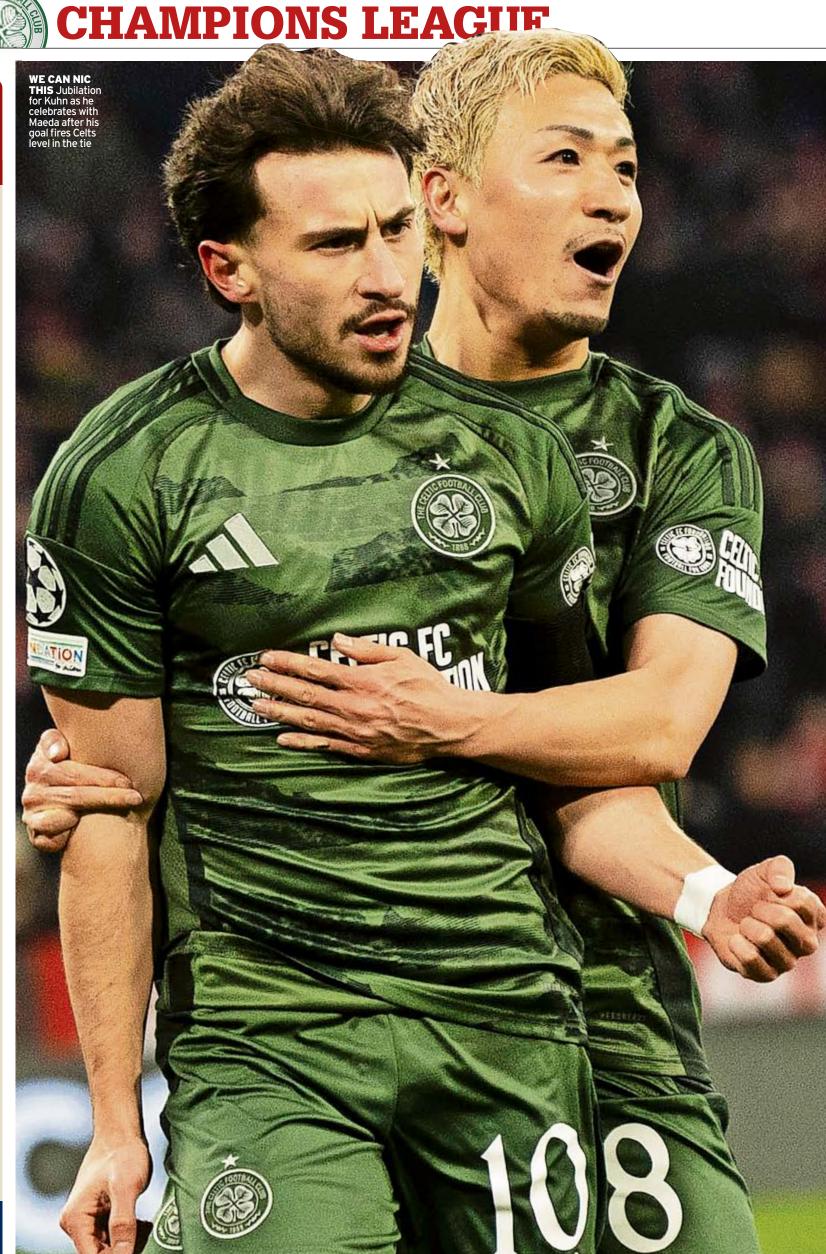
With PSG and Dortmund both 3-0 up after wins away from home, the only other Champions League tie still alive is the clash between PSV and Juventus.

The Italians lead 2-1 after the first leg but the Dutch side will fancy their chances of turning it around at home.

The corner count could rack up in this game too and over 6.5 PSV flag-kicks looks good at evens (Bet365).

Super singles: Over 4.5 Real corners (Evs, Bet365), Over 6.5 PSV corners (Evs, Bet365).





### BIG MATCH REACTION

# CELTIC suffered Champions League heartbreak as Alphonso Davies' late goal stopped Brendan Rodgers from taking this play-off tie to extra-time. Celtic had stunned the

Celtic had stunned the Germans by going ahead through Nicolas Kuhn's goal on his return to his old stomping ground. It had looked to be enough

It had looked to be enough to get another 30 minutes before Davies broke their hearts with the final attack.

Celtic were out but they had given the Bundesliga side an almighty fright.

Daizen Maeda's second-half goal at Parkhead had given Celtic hope but it was always going to be an extreme challenge to try to overturn the one-goal deficit in one of the toughest environments in European football.

There was a poignant minute of respect for those who lost their lives in the city's attack last week.

### Jota got the nod on the left and he set-up Celtic's first big chance for Kuhn.

He was almost the hero on his Bayern return as he squeezed his shot past Manuel Neuer but Dayot Upamecano cleared off the line.

It was Celtic's best spell and Maeda was close to give the noisy Celtic support hope.

Harry Kane forced Kasper Schmeichel into a save and hit the bar to fire a couple of warnings at the other end.

Celtic took the lead in the 64th minute when Maeda set up Kuhn. Celtic fans on the top tier almost took the roof off when the ball off the net.

The board went up for four minutes – and Davies managed to net, despite Cameron Carter-Vickers' best efforts.

### Maeda gets the nod ahead of Idah in attack

The Japanese winger scored and caused issues for the Bayern defence when he was moved into the centreforward position.

That gave Rodgers a lot to think about pre-match and in the end he went for Maeda ahead of Adam Idah, with Jota coming in on the left.

On another night Maeda could have netted himself a couple of goals. He wasn't far away from Arne Engels' cross as he slid it at the back post.

And he should've done better when Kuhn intercepted and sent him through but went for the first time lob and dinked over. But he came up with the goods to set up Kuhn for his goal.

### Smoke bomb clears as Kane starts up front

Bayern boss Vincent Company had tried to play games by leaving some doubt over the fitness of the England This is a long way from Yellow Wall.. Celtic are building solid foundations





AGONY Davies' last-gasp goal, left, grabs Bayern win in a devastating result for Hatate, above, and his Celtic team-mates

### Hoops have learned & matured since last trip to Germany



star. Harry Kane took a facial knock in the weekend draw against Bayer Leverkusen but still managed to complete that game. The games started when Kane didn't publicly train and Company admitted he deliberately threw up a smoke bomb to blur the lines.

### It clearly didn't work on Rodgers, who predicted the England captain would start.

Kane was pretty quiet at the start but Celtic knew if they switched off as they did in the first game, they'd be punished.

That was shown in the 22nd minute when he forced Schmeichel into a flying save.

Schmeichel into a flying save. Kane went even closer at the end of the half when he rattled the crossbar. That was his last involvement before he was replaced at half-time.

### First European start for loan star Schlupp

The on-loan Crystal Palace defender was thrown into the lion's den as he was handed his first European start, getting the nod ahead of Greg Taylor.

Jeffrey Schlupp was no stranger to Michael Olise, who he was directly up against, as they'd been team-mates at Crystal Palace for several seasons.

Schlupp did a decent job up the left. He had the pace and

power to get forward and attack and was also solid defensively.

Jota, playing in front of him, also got back and did his fair share. It was more that way in the closing stages as Bayern looked to get back level.

### Lessons learned from Dortmund misery

Celtic's last trip to Germany had been a night to forget. The Hoops crashed into 'The Yellow Wall' and fell apart.

The 7-1 defeat away to Borussia Dortmund was a sombre night for all concerned with Celtic. But they picked themselves up and got themselves through the group stages and into the knockout rounds for the first time since 2013 under Neil Lennon.

Rodgers touched on Dortmund in his pre-match press conference. He knows his team will have taken a lot from the pain of that game. It was also about being disciplined and not losing it in the

emotion of the game. They did exactly that and ran Bayern all the way.

### Finally making mark on Champions League

There had always been question marks over Rodgers' Celtic teams in the this competition. This season they have come up with some big answers.

# He not only took them into the Champions League but also got them through their group.

That's significant progress and is now the standard he and his team must look to maintain. The bar has been set. They are no longer just happy to scrape through and pick up their money.

There was Dortmund and Aston Villa but these players have learned from those experiences. Big wins over Slovan Bratislava, Red Bull Leipzig and Young Boys proves that, along with draws in Atalanta and Dinamo Zagreb. They've



PRESSURE ON City boss Guardiola

# Pep: Now we have to be perfect

### >> REAL MADRID v >> MANCHESTER CITY

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PEP GUARDIOLA insists Manchester City will have to be perfect in Madrid tonight to keep their European dream alive.

City take on the might of Real Madrid needing a minor miracle to reach the knockout stages at the expense of the 15-time winners.

Guardiola's men head to the Bernabeu trailing 3-2 from last week's first leg of their play-off at the Etihad.

And he knows everything will have to go right for his stars if City are to remain in the Champions League. Guardiola said: "You have to make an almost perfect game.

"The result [first tie] is not good. We always came here before with more or less a good result - and a bad result is not good in this situation. We have to attack, we have to score goals.

"The pressure is there, which is more than welcome. If you don't perform well with the pressure, it is what it is.

"It depends how we play, how we handle the big moments in these stadiums. Here, Barcelona, Milan, Anfield. you have to suffer there."

Carlo Ancelotti has laughed off Guardiola's claim, after their weekend win over Newcastle, that City have a "one per cent" chance of getting past Madrid in the Champions League.

He believes Guardiola is deliberately underestimating his English champions.

The Madrid boss said: "He doesn't really think so. We don't think we have a 99 per cent chance. We have a small advantage and we have to take advantage of it."

Ancelotti is relieved to be dealing with UEFA officials instead of domestic ones, having claimed to be on the wrong end of some bad decisions in La Liga in recent weeks.

These include last weekend's controversial red card shown to England star Jude Bellingham for alleged foul and abusive language during their 1-1 draw at Osasuna.

Ancelotti, who is boosted by the return of defender Antonio Rudiger, revealed Real have appealed the sending-off and said: "We hope he won't be banned."



### **HAMPIONS LEAGUE**



### BY SCOTT BURNS

### **CELTIC KASPER SCHMEICHEL**

Experienced goalkeeper had previously seen a move to Bayern collapse. He showed them what they missed out on with some big

### **ALISTAIR JOHNSTON**

The Canadian international was impressive and disciplined. Got up and down and always offered Celtic an out ball from the back. Will be gutted that his Canadian captain put Bayern through.

### **CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS 7**

The American didn't look ruffled all night. Was a calming and dominant presence. Had to stand up as Bayern pushed for a leveller and was unlucky not to clear the danger at the death.

### **AUSTON TRUSTY**

The big defender snuffed out Harry Kane for as long as the England striker was on the pitch. He was a strong and physical presence. It was a big performance for him.

### **JEFFREY SCHLUPP**

First European start and gave a good account of himself. Good block to deny Serge Gnabry. Was more defensive in the second half.

### **CALLUM McGREGOR**

The Hoops captain was always looking to take the ball and dictate the play. Led from the front and drove his team on.

### **ARNE ENGELS**

He is no stranger to this stage. He has been here with Augsburg and showed he knows what it is all about.

### **REO HATATE**

The midfielder was his usual ball of energy. He kept the tempo in the Celtic midfield going and was really

### **NICOLAS KUHN**

A player who knows all about Bayern Munich, having come through their academy. Missed a big chance in first half but delivered

### DAIZEN MAEDA

He scored in the first leg. Had big chances in the first half but delivered with an assist for Kuhn's

He set up Kuhn's early chance. He might not be 100 per cent but he isn't out of place at this level.

### **SUBS**

### **ADAM IDAH**

Replaced Jota after an hour once the Portuguese had run his race. **YANG HYUN-JUN** 

Started well but lost the ball too

### BAYERN MUNICH: Neuer.

Guerreiro (Davies 64), Kim Min-Jae, Upamecano, Stanisic, Goretkzka, Kimmich, Gnabry (Sane 64), Musiala (Muller 89), Olise, Kane (Coman 46).

**REFEREE:** Benoit Bastien

VAR: Willy Delajod (France).



### THERE was pain in the end. But there was also a heck of a lot of pride.

Celtic might have exited the Champions League in Munich last night but they also achieved something that couldn't be measured in pounds and pence.

Brendan Rodgers' men produced the kind of epic display that proved the club belongs at this level.

That they can not just mix it with the very best - they can go toe-to-toe and take them all the way.

Yes it was heartbreaking how it finished. It was beyond cruel. Absolute agony – and undeserved.

Celtic walked out of the Allianz Arena with their hearts broken but their heads held high - but, incredibly, with a feeling they

### **>>>** BAYERN MUNICH..1 CELTIC..1

### AGG 3-2; MICHAEL GANNON AT ALLIANZ ARENA

let Bayern off the hook. Daizen Maeda and Nicolas Kuhn produced a moment of magic that will live long in the memories of fans who braved the sub-zero conditions, high in the stands.

But it was the ones that got away that'll hurt the most. Celtic could have been streets ahead by half-time – with four massive opportunities.

But it would be hard to find fault with anything they did here in Bavaria. This was an outstanding performance.

To a man Celtic were simply immense. It's better to have loved and lost and all that - and Hoops fans loved this display.

Their team were out on

their feet at the end but it took Bayern to the very last kick of the ball to get them out of deep trouble.

### Alistair Johnston's Canada pal Alphonso Davies bundled over the line to leave Celts sickened.

They just had nothing left to give at that stage. But even in agony, this was a game and a campaign where this side came of age.

Rodgers got his tactics bang on again and punters will be counting down the days until their next crack.

Harry Kane was there after all. Vincent Kompany tried to muddy the waters after the hitman missed training with a sore back but

there was never much doubt he would be involved.

Perhaps Celtic's line-up was more of a surprise - with Rodgers rolling the dice. Maeda got the nod through the middle, Jota was lobbed in from the start and Jeffrey Schlupp slotted in at left-back.

It was bold and brave - but this was Bayern Munich. This was not a side that usually scares easily.

They were here though. There were spells in the first half when Celtic got right under their skin and they looked spooked.

Kompany's men didn't look to be in any mood to muck about. Right from the get-go they looked to get Michael Ölise involved against his old Crystal Palace pal Schlupp's flank.

Celts saw how dangerous

the £60million winger could be when he nearly burst the net in last week's first leg.

Olise got in behind a few times early on. But it was Celtic who should have been ahead - with four absolutely massive chances inside the opening 20 minutes.

The Hoops had already poked the bear a few times when Callum McGregor managed to race in behind but the skipper blazed over the bar with only Manuel Neuer to beat.

Soon after there was another counter when Iota sensationally skinned his man and picked out Kuhn at the back post. He beat Neuer but Raphael Guerreiro got back to block on the line.

And again seconds later, Arne Engels got in behind and Maeda was inches away

### **BIG MATCH ACTION**



from tucking away his low cross. Then it was the Japanese ace who was wide open with the goal in his sights only to dink over.

Bayern were rattled and looked spooked by Celtic's front three on the counter. The Hoops had let them off the hook but it didn't half send hopes surging. It was still a major highwire act though.

Especially with the likes of Kane lurking and the England legend forced Kasper Schmeichel into a smart stop

smart stop.
Joshua Kimmich also sent one wide and there were times when Celts had to dig in and defend as though their lives depended on it.

Bayern had spells when they would pin the Hoops in but the likes of Auston Trusty and Cameron Carter-Vickers were on bouncer duty, while Alistair Johnston had a handy habit of mopping up just in the nick of time.

There were some howls of frustration when Serge Gnabry did wriggle into some space but then made a mess of his through ball.

And Celts got a scare of their own right on half-time when Kane clattered the bar.

He didn't reappear after the break but the danger remained and Schmeichel produced a rescue act to brilliantly block Leon Goretzka when through on goal.

There wasn't anything wrong with Celtic's gameplan but it was taking a heck of a lot of work and Munich were hoping to prey on weary limbs.

Celtic weren't getting much change out of referee Benoit Bastien either, with the bench furious after Kuhn, Jota and then Engels were all left on the turf and then told to get on with it. Kimmich had a sniff at

the back post and Olise

fired one at Schmeichel.

And then it happened.
Right out of the blue. There was a moment when
Celtic fans held
their breath in

disbelief.

Maeda was
harassing his
man high up
the pitch,
winning the
ball and sliding
in Kuhn, who
did well to hold
offhis man to bury
past Neuer.

Incredible. It nearly got



: FC Dation Then came the onslaught. It was frantic at times, the defending was heroic at others and the desperation oozed out of Bayern.

Celtic were just seconds away from extra time when Davies s muggled over the line after another sensational Schmeichel save.

But even s u c h a shattering blow didn't stop the fans saluting their heroes at the end.

# BREN: WE'RE BACK IN A GOOD PLACE

BY GAVIN BERRY

BRENDAN RODGERS insisted brave Celtic's credibility has been restored at elite European level after last-gasp Champions League heartache against Bayern Munich.

The Hoops boss watched his side denied an historic first-ever victory on German soil in the final minute of injury time as Alphonso Davies struck a late sickener to cancel out Nicolas Kuhn's opener which was set to send the game into extra-time.

Vincent Kompany's side sneaked into Friday's last-16 draw yet Rodgers was beaming with pride in Bavaria at the courage of his side following their 2-1 first leg defeat in Glasgow.

He said: "Our European credibility has been restored this season, built up from last year. That's my takeaway from this season.

"We've shown real quality at times. You think of the last time we were in Germany (lost 7-1 to Borussia Dortmund) and the improvements we've made.

"It wasn't what the players deserved, especially right at the very end. They gave so much to the game, played with confidence with the ball. We knew we would have to defend but we didn't give away too much.

"We've found a nice template when we don't have the ball to have that security. Hopefully come next season we can improve the squad even more. At this level to be able to bring quality off the bench is the next step.

"This season has been so good, we've played some amazing football and my objective is to make us a seasoned team at this level.

"I said to the players in the dressing room that I came back to make progress in Europe and if I judge that myself tonight they have given me everything and we have to learn from that and get back in next season.

"Our concentration was



**SNEAKED IT** Kompany

good and we denied them space but had quality and some great moves and the best chances in the game.

"It was a heroic performance and just unfortunate at the end.

"We wanted to started the game fast. We tried to build the game and got in some great positions and had two big chances. We had one cleared off the line.

"I always felt we'd be in the game. It was about transferring the confidence into our pay and it was a cruel way to go out.

was a cruel way to go out.
"In the last 25, 30
minutes at Celtic Park,
Daizen Maeda unnerved
them with his pace.

"They hit the bar late on in the first half but other than that we were good. You have to survive moments at this level but that's part of the game. But we were a real threat."

Skipper Callum McGregor admitted the defeat was as heart-breaking as any he has suffered in his career.

He said: "Probably one of the cruellest, to be honest. The players gave absolutely everything and pushed a really good Bayern side all the way to the last kick of the ball.

"Sometimes football is cruel and you don't always get what you deserve but I have to say I am so proud of the players.

"The way they played and handled themselves, they gave absolutely everything and we came off the pitch with no regrets.

"It's a real sore one but I think anyone watching tonight could see a good Celtic team."

### >>> TALKING POINTS FROM MUNICH

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**NEW Motherwell boss** Michael Wimmer admits his first job at

Fir Park is to patch up relations with the fans who turned on Stuart Kettlewell. The German

manager has been brought in to replace **TURN TO PAGE 43** 



Rodgers' pride as his Bhoys suffer late heartbreak after heroic show in Munich

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

**CELTIC** suffered heartbreak as Bayern Munich struck late to knock them out of the Champions League last night.

Alphonso Davies' goal stopped Brendan Rodgers' Bhoys from taking the play-off tie to extra time after they'd stunned the Germans with a mighty display and a Nicolas Kuhn strike.

Rodgers said: "It was a sucker punch it was a real heroic performance."

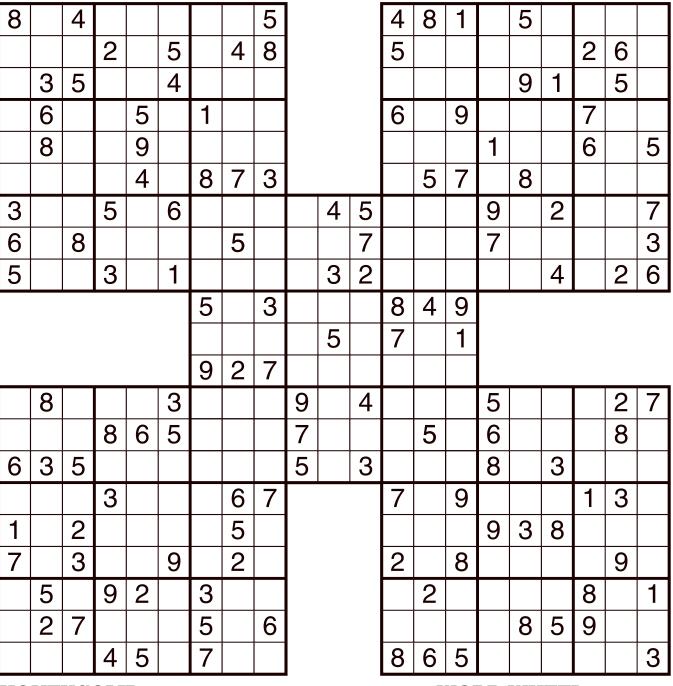
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# FXTRAPUZZLES

### **BIG X SUDOKU**

The rules for Big X Sudoku vary only slightly from the standard sudoku rules. The 9x9 sudoku at the centre of the X shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudoku. None of the 9x9 sudokus can be solved individually, you must cross-reference between the intersecting grids.



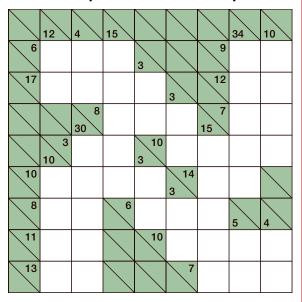
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### **KAKURO**

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.



### KILLER SUDOKU

Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

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All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

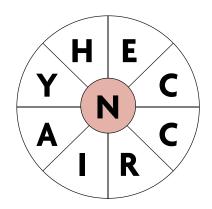
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- 7 Brings up
- 8 Spectacles
- 9 Squat
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- 11 Assent
- 12 Beguile

### **WORD WHEEL**

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

25 words, good; 35 words, very good; 40 or more, excellent.



### **FUTOSHIKI**

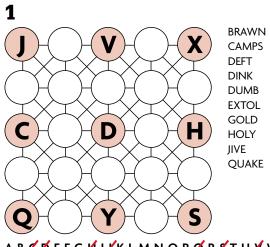
Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

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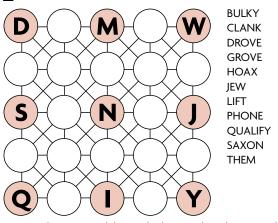
# EXTRAPUZZLES

### **GOGEN**

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.



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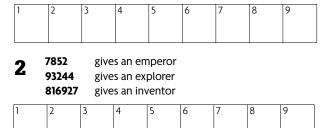
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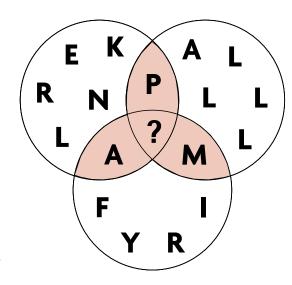
Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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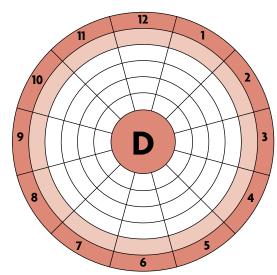
### **CIRCLEGRAM**

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three answers, and the letter represented by the question mark?



### **CLOCKWORD**

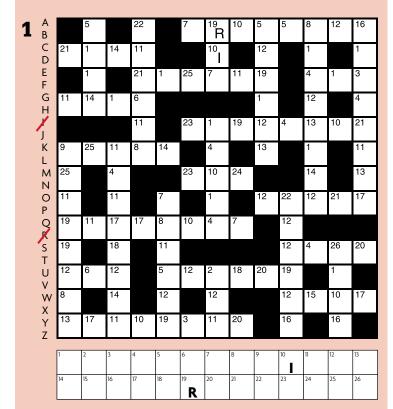
The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer ring will spell out a famous person. Hint: English rugby union coach.

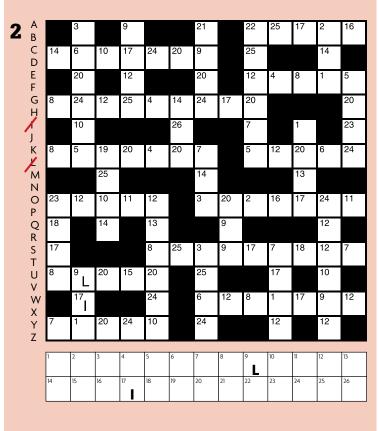


- 1. Looked
- 7. Protect
- 2. Malevolence
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- 3. Rotten
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- 4. Confident
- 10. Spanned11. Request
- 5. Snatched6. Detected
- 12. Travelled over water

### **CODEWORD**

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.





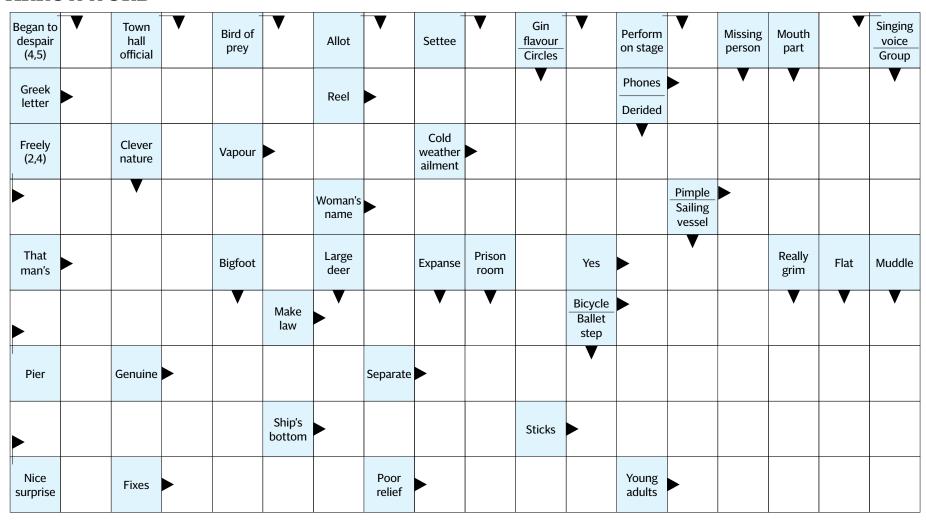
### 30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

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INTERMEDIATE 141	2/3 of this	-38	÷4	+107	÷11	-5	Squared	+11	×3	ANSWER
ADVANCED 76	+230	÷3	-22	+1/5 of this	+268	÷4	+105	÷7	+337	ANSWER

### **ARROWWORD**

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.



### **PATHFINDER**

Beginning in the top left-hand corner, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**



### **SOLUTIONS**

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### WORD WHEEL **CHICANERY**

CLOCKWORD 1 Seemed, 2 Hatred, 3 Addled, 4 Unawed, 5 Nabbed, 6 Espied, 7 Defend, 8 Wicked, 9 Ambled, 10 Ranged, 11 Demand, 12 Sailed. Shaun Edwards

### CIRCLEGRAM

The letter represented by the question mark is A. Park Lane, Pall Mall, Mayfair, all places on a Monopoly board.

### KILLER SUDOKU

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### 30-SECOND BRAIN

7, 141, 365

### CODEWORD

T1=O, 2=P, 3=W, 4=N, 5=Z, 6=K, 7=G, 8=L, 9=Q, 10=I, 11=A, 12=E, 13=S, 14=M, 15=X, 16=D, 17=T, 18=H, 19=R, 20=Y, 21=C, 22=J, 23=F, 24=B, 25=U, 26=V 2 1=T, 2=C, 3=B, 4=M, 5=Y, 6=R 7=S, 8=P, 9=L, 10=D, 11=G, 12=E, 13=X, 14=O, 15=Z, 16=K, 17=I, 18=H, 19=J, 20=A, 21=F, 22=Q, 23=W, 24=N, 25=U, 26=V

### NINER

1 PRODUCING 2 DOCTRINES

### **PATHFINDER**

Postcards from the Edge, Long Walk to Freedom, The Diary of a Young Girl, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, The Story of My Life, The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly, A Child Called 'It', Dear Fatty, My Booky Wook, Call the Midwife, The Sound of Laughter, The Kindness of Strangers, Being Jordan

### NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

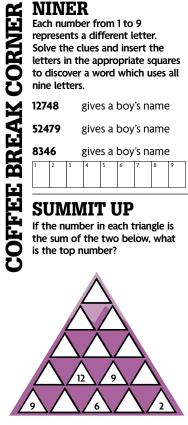
12748 gives a boy's name

52479 gives a boy's name

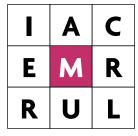
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### **SUMMIT UP**

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



### WORDSQUARE

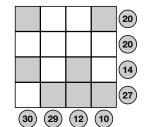


Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

Target: 25 – good; 35 – very good; 40 or more – excellent

### **EVENS**

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey



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WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time

(but not the position of any

letter) to make a new word

- and move from the word

at the top of the box to the

word at the bottom using

the exact number of rungs

HOLD

**MINEE** BROACHING **SUMMIT UP** 83 **MORDSQUARE** MERCURIAL **EVENS** 8732, 7913, 6521, 9864 **MORE**, MORE, MIRE, FIRE.

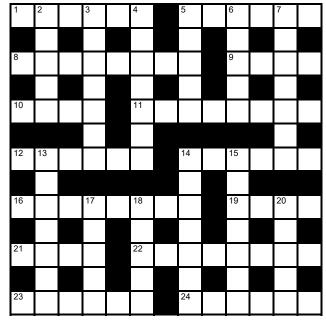
### WEE THINKER

### Across

- 1 Notices European
- agents (6) Vandalise keys to front (6)
- 8 Battle colours? (3,5)
- 9 Fastens round the neck? (4)
- Cancelled with unit (4)
- 11 Its end is affected by orderliness (8)
- 12 Raged roughly before 500, then put in his proper place (6)
- 14 Key member of the office staff (6)
- **16** Dine with difficulty with bile upset – with this kind of food? (8)
- Consumes a set recipe (4)
- 21 Spent winter with relation (4)
- 22 Entreat a different animal (8)
- 23 Shy bride taking in crossbreed (6)
- 24 Raid carried out on quiet plant (6)

### Down

- 2 Left inside, except addict (5)
- 3 Rascal gets organised deal skewered (7)
- Shed fit, somehow, to be moved (7)
- 5 Loved party with Edward (5)



- 6 Fellow sprawled out on new bed (5)
- Food items for VIPs when they're big? (7)
- Landing strip conceals a fugitive (7)
- Speaker is an online messenger (7)
- 15 Food for a hairless horse! (7) 17 Cafe or its client (5)
- 18 Poet with European goatee, say (5)
- 20 Rows about rites (5)

25. Hiatus (3)

**27.** In front (5)

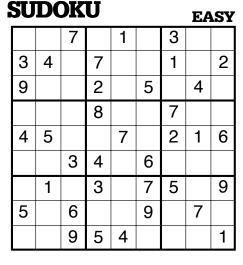
**28.** Cut off (5)

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**30.** Senseless (5) Church part (4)

33. English river (3)

**ANSWERS** 



### **MEDIUM**

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### **ANSWERS**

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# OUICKIE

Thresh about (5)

Across

- 8. Wed (5)
- 10. African river (5)
- Snooker rod (3) 11. Perch for fowls (5) 12.
- 13. Nullifies (7) 15. Not these! (5)
- 18. Range of knowledge (3)
- 19. Bits (6)
- 21. Army officer (7)
- **22.** Assert (4) 23. Molten rock (4)
- Ten-sided figure (7)
- Girls (6)
- 29. Container for liquids (3)
- Absolute (5)
- 32. Planet (7)
- 34. Clergy member (5)
- 35. Epoch (3)
- Without clothes (5)

**37.** Fashion (5)

**38.** Allude (5)

1. Aspect (5)

5. Implant (6)

**6.** Supple (5)

Thick (5)

word (7) **14.** Number (3)

Fuss (7)

33 Dump; 36 Ewe

17. Prose

20.

2. Large wave (7)

Lavatories,

informally (4)

Floor covering (3)

12. Goes back on one's

Pacific, e.g. (5)

Summons (5)

23. Game of chance (7)

21. Aquatic birds (5)

composition (5)

Down

- 24. Ridicule (6) DOWN: 1 Squat; 2 Siren; 3 Shy; 4 Meadow; 5 Luke; 6 Enslave; 7 Wasps; 8 Green; 13 Parasol; 14 Skunk; 16 Sidecar; 18 Pagan; 21 Earth; 23 Tedious; 26 Beacon; 27 Spade; 28 Parma; 30 Races; 31 Leash;

### **CARTOONS**



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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 5 Strut, 8 Isle of Man, 9 Lowered, 10 Words, 11 Worth, 13 Enrage, 16 Adored, 18 Pinch, 20 Comet, 22 Foresee,

DOWN: 1 Pillows. 2 Glowered, 3 Dour, 4 Smudge, 5 Snowdrop, 6 Rear, 7 Trust, 12 Hardtack, 14 Gangster, 15 Wheezes, 17 Defile, 19 Scalp, 21 Mono, 23 Robs.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 3 Smile; 9 Quiche; 10 Unfair; 11 Yanks; 12 Apes 27 Sop; 29 Neutral; 32 Placid; 34 Hare; 35 Ounce; 37 Dumdum; 38 Owners; 39 Spine